

Date: Thursday 12 May 2016, (14:00)**Location:** Bradwell Village Hall**Attendees:**

Frank Saunders	Environment Agency	Bob Wright	Rivenhall Parish Council
Claire Tomalin	Essex County Council	Terry Dixon	Kelvedon Parish Council
Lady Patricia Newton	Essex County Council	Jamie Hooper	Kelvedon Parish Council
James Abbott	Essex County Council	Tim Pailthorpe	Community Group
Tony Dunn	Bradwell Parish Council		
Katherine Evans	Feering Parish Council	Apologies:	
Alan Waine	Silver End Parish Council	Wendy Scattergood	Braintree District Council
Steven Smith	Honace Limited	Alan Stone	Community Group
Nick Unsworth	Coggeshall Parish Council		

Outline Agenda:**No Item****1. Welcome & Introductions**

- 1.1 Cllr Lady Newton welcomed the attendees and guests as the Chair of the IWMF Site Liaison Committee.
- 1.2 Cllr Abbott initiated lengthy discussions over the minutes of the previous meeting by stating the IWMF would be receiving and burning chemical wastes, medical wastes, discarded equipment and animal wastes. Steven Smith and Frank Saunders again reiterated that the IWMF would not be permitted to receive such wastes. The IWMF would only be permitted to receive waste that fell under the permitted waste codes. Further information relating to the waste codes are attached to the minutes (Attachments A-1 and A-2).
- 1.3 Cllr Abbott stated that within a recent Blackwater Aggregates planning application to vary the restoration contours across Bradwell Quarry through the integrated use of materials excavated from the IWMF site (rather than exporting them from the site to landfill) had offered two restoration schemes, namely:
- i. A scheme that delivers the existing landscape and restoration proposals through the use and incorporation of existing restoration and overburden materials resulting from the implementation and development of the IWMF; or
 - ii. In the event that the IWMF is not implemented and its development does not commence (ESS/55/14/BTE Condition 1), the landscape and restoration proposals across Bradwell Quarry will be revised to deliver a low level restoration scheme which creates a valley feature within Sites A3 and A4 which maintains the delivery of agricultural after uses and a patchwork of ecological biodiversity enhancement proposals within the landscape.
- Cllr Abbott challenged the reason for submitting two restoration schemes given the fact that the IWMF planning permission had now been implemented.
- 1.4 Steven Smith explained that at the time of submitting the Blackwater Aggregates planning application on the 26 January 2016, the IWMF had not been implemented, hence the justification for two restoration schemes. It was also noted that when Blackwater

Aggregates' revised restoration schemes were approved, the wording relating to the second scheme (ii) was revised to state: in the event that the IWMF is not built (ESS/35/15/BTE).

- 1.5 Tony Dunn commented that a sensible approach had been taken by Blackwater Aggregates, whereby, regardless of the IWMF a clear restoration strategy was in place for the ongoing quarrying operations.

2. Implementation and Proposed Programme of Works

- 2.1 It was confirmed that following the approval of the IWMF Section 73 Application and Submission of Details on the 26 February 2016, the IWMF planning permission had been implemented before 2 March 2016.

- 2.2 Steven Smith explained that over the coming months the following works would be carried out across the IWMF site:

- Underground electricity and water would be diverted around the IWMF site.
- Over the coming weeks, a substantial ground investigation and geotechnical instrumentation contract will be awarded to support and inform the ongoing detailed design of the IWMF. On completion of these works, the geotechnical instruments will be monitored for a period of between 4 to 8 weeks for baseline purposes. It was explained that the quarrying operations across sections of the IWMF site required detailed geotechnical and foundation design to minimise the potential effects of ground heave.
- Earthworks operations will commence on certification of the baseline geotechnical conditions by the IWMF's Contractor. Based on the current tender and contract review schedule, the earthworks are programmed to commence in August/September 2016 (preferably as early as possible).
- The earthworks operations would comprise: the excavation of the IWMF site; stockpiling of the materials within Bradwell Quarry for future use in the quarry's restoration scheme (New Field Stockpile); the construction of the IWMF access road extension from Bradwell Quarry to the IWMF site; and, the creation of a temporary water storage lagoon (Sheepcotes Lagoon)

It was noted that construction operations are not constrained nor dependent on the Environmental Permit; however, the above timetable was believed to be broadly aligned to its determination.

- 2.3 Katherine Evans asked if Woodhouse Lane would be used to access the site and requested clarification as to how construction deliveries would be controlled.

Steven Smith and Claire Tomalin confirmed that in accordance with Planning Condition 8, all IWMF site access or egress would be to and from the existing junction with the A120.

Steven Smith explained that a Transport Management Plan would be developed by the IWMF Contractor to control the delivery of construction materials which would be targeted to mitigate against traffic travelling through local villages. It was noted that under the IWMF's Section 106 agreement, permanent informatory signs directing heavy goods vehicles to the IWMF site would be erected to direct vehicles to the site via the main road network. It was noted that a point of contact would be provided to the Liaison Group to allow local residents to get in touch with the site management in the event a delivery lorry travelled through a local village. It was explained that such an arrangement was in place for the Blackwater Aggregates' existing quarrying operations, and the only recorded incident of complaint had not related to their operations but the delivery of an excavator to a local farmer.

Claire Tomalin agreed to provide copy of plan of Section 106 HGV vehicle routing plan (Attachment A-3)

3. Environmental Permit**3.1 Frank Saunders offered an update of the Environmental Permit Application:**

It was confirmed that an Environmental Permit Application had been 'Duly Made' made and was under consideration. Following a detailed review of the information issued with the Environmental Permit Application, it was explained that the Environment Agency had written to Gent Fairhead & Co Limited to request additional information, which is known as a Schedule 5 Notice.

It was noted that the additional information had been supplied within the Environment Agency's agreed timescales and had been issued to technical consultees for comment.

It was explained that the air quality information was being reviewed by the Environment Agency's AQMAU team of scientists based in Cardiff, and the Environment Agency were aiming to issue a decision on the Environmental Permit sometime in July 2016.

In the event the Environment Agency were to consider issuing the Environmental Permit, arrangements would be put in place to run another local stakeholder engagement event comprising: local newspaper advertisements; the preparation of information offering an explanation of how the application was reviewed and the conditions that will apply to the Environmental Permit; and, an informative drop in event that will be held at a local venue attended by Environment Agency scientists, representatives of the national and local permitting teams and representatives of Essex County Council.

Frank Saunders noted that if a further stakeholder event was required it would be carried out in either Coggeshall or Silver End, and accepting feedback from the Liaison Group, potentially run until eight o'clock in the evening.

3.2 Frank Saunders agreed that the Environment Agency would issue a 'Briefing Note' to update local stakeholders on the progress of the Environmental Permit Application (Attachment A-4).**3.3 A copy of the existing surface water abstraction licence was requested by members of the Liaison Group (Attachment A-5).****4. Date of Next Meeting**

A date and venue will be agreed for September 2016.

A Attachments to Minutes of Meeting:

A-1 Attachment 1: EWC Info to Rivenhall Liaison Group_May 2016;

A-2 Attachment 2: List of Wastes 45;

A-3 Attachment 3: Section 106 HGV Routing Plan;

A-4 Attachment 4: Rivenhall IWMF factsheet No3 May2016_FINAL;

A-5 Attachment 5: Public Register Entry for GFC Abstraction Licence_May 2016