

Feedback from the IWMF Site Liaison Meeting held on 12 May 2016

I was asked to raise communication and information available about the project,

COMMUNICATION

Environment Agency will issue a Briefing Note in the next two weeks

INFORMATION

All the information requested by the Environment Agency was provided on schedule towards the end of April – this information is public information – it is available to view by arrangement with the Environment Agency at their Feering Offices.

There is a vast amount of information about the IWMF at:

<http://wrren.co.uk/integrated-waste-management-facility-rivenhall-airfield/>

The information is listed under DOCUMENTATION with the latest information first.

The Environment Agency has agreed to provide clarification of the Waste Categories and how they are used.

I was asked to find out about the proposal to extract water from the River Blackwater and to feed waste-water back into the River Blackwater.

The only permitted water extraction is the currently permitted extraction – which was recently renewed for a further five years with no changes to the conditions. If the right to extract water is not used, it lapses. No application has been made to change this.

Essex County Council as part of their due diligence appear to have asked “if water were required to be extracted from the River Blackwater, how could this be achieved” and GF duly provided plans showing pipes. This should not be taken as implying that GF have any intention to run the Facility with anything other than the closed loop system for which they have planning permission.

I was asked to raise the question of the potential traffic chaos, which might ensue if lorries turn up before the Facility is open

The IWMF will only receive waste between set hours on Mon-Sat. The IWMF will operate 24/7/365 and there will always be personnel on site, so if the Haul Road entrance is locked and lorries turn up early, it will be possible for the staff to open up to alleviate any traffic congestion. Local Parish Councils would be entitled to query why this happened. In the same way as local Parish Councils currently report any wayward lorries and expect action to be taken (as currently happens with Bradwell Pit).

There is only one route in and out of the IWMF for lorries carrying material to/from the Facility and that is the Haul Road between the A120 and the site.

There is emergency access to the Facility from the Silver End side of the Facility – lorries moving waste are not allowed to use this route..

A traffic management presentation will be made to the IWMF Site Liaison group.

NEXT STEPS AT RIVENHALL

The access road to the site has been improved to ensure construction vehicles can safely access the site.

The HV electricity cable, which crosses the site has been moved.

The water main, which crosses the site has yet to be moved.

Monitors will be put in place to measure the movement of the clay when the 14m of clay and over-burden is removed to create the hole in which the IWMF will be built. Depending on what the monitors reveal with regard to the way in which the clay breathes will determine the nature of the foundations of the Facility.

Earth moving is scheduled to start at the end of the summer (August September)

Next meeting will be in November

THE WAY FORWARD

The Environment Agency does not expect to publish an indicative decision regarding the Permit before July, but hopes to publish soon after..

If the decision is NO, then it will be for GF to appeal or to start again – there is no room for negotiation. Any appeal would be heard by a Planning Inspector.

If the Environment Agency is minded to say YES, then a draft permit will be issued for local public consultation. There will be a 28-day consultation period. Two public presentation / consultations have been requested – one in Silver End and one in Coggeshall and with extended opening hours. The consultation will accept feedback from the public and will take this into account before issuing a permit.
