

## Meeting Notes

Roxby Landfill Liaison Meeting  
at Roxby Landfill Site Offices  
30 January 2020 @10am

### Present

Cllr Pam Farmery (PF)	Roxby Parish Council
Cllr Charlie Webster (CW)	Roxby Parish Council
Mr Taylor (Taylor)	Roxby Resident
Cllr Helen Rowson (HRo)	North Lincolnshire Council
Don Johnson (DJ)	Mayor of Winterton
Paul McCartan (PM)	Winterton Resident
John Devine (JD)	Biffa
Fraser James (FJ)	Biffa
James Harrison (JH)	Biffa
Johnny Gunn (JG)	Biffa
Helen Renshaw (HR)	Environment Agency
Adam Pawson (AP)	Environment Agency

### 1. Apologies

Apologies: Cllr Ralph Ogg; Cllr Elaine Marper; Cllr Craddock

### 2. Biffa Update/Questions by Attendees

See attached presentation hosted by Fraser James on behalf of Biffa Waste Services Ltd.

Biffa thanked those attending the meeting and apologised for the inconvenience to the community for the current levels of odour being experienced.

Biffa provided a review of the meeting held on 24 January 2020 with representatives from North Lincolnshire Council, Environmental Health, local councillors and Andrew Percy MP. A reminder to all was presented for Biffa's open door policy – should anyone wish to visit the site please contact James Harrison (Site Manager) directly.

Biffa would provide further updates and submit an article to the Out and About Winterton local magazine, to ensure all residents are reached. Roxby Parish Council distribute information by hand in the village of Roxby.

Discussions held regarding the legal requirements on Biffa to manage the site in the restoration and aftercare period following closure of active landfilling. The environmental permit issued by the Environment Agency is not time-limited, and Biffa have a duty to maintain the site following closure including regular inspection and monitoring to air, land and water. A copy of the environmental permit was provided to Carl McCartan. It is acknowledged that Biffa do need to update their phasing plans to accurately describe current cells/phases. It is anticipated, based on current inputs to site, that there is

approximately 4 years of void remaining to be infilled. Biffa are permitted to accept circa 1 million tonnes of non-hazardous waste per annum. No hazardous waste is permitted for disposal at the site.

CW commented on the latest update that there were no contact details provided for Biffa. Biffa are to provide the necessary contact details, including a poster for Winterton and Roxby to display on local notice boards. **Action: Biffa.**

Previously notice boards did display contact numbers for both Biffa and the Environment Agency.

Residents would like to arrange a site visit in the Spring; this is acceptable and contact should be made with James Harrison to arrange. **Action: Councillors/Residents to contact Biffa**

Question relating to the electricity generation from the gas collection was answered electricity generation to support approximately 14,000 homes.

Question regarding monitoring by PM – Biffa explained the site has an agreed Odour Monitoring Plan which incorporates off site monitoring including daily FID surveys for VOC emissions and weekly Hydrogen Sulphide checks.

Biffa outline future plans, which will take into account a change of infilling following review of the current situation to prevent the same situation developing. PM asked if the same issue would be repeated in 2020; Biffa responded detailing a change in the tipping plan, shorter infill areas and more frequent capping together with installation of gas infrastructure.

A voluntary action plan, agreed by the Environment Agency is being implemented with works to include capping over an area of 40,000m<sup>2</sup> and additional gas collection infrastructure. The current open area is 80,000m<sup>2</sup>.

Biffa agreed to provide the local parish councils and town councils with a weekly update which would be published on a Friday. **Action: Biffa**

Biffa acknowledged the works undertaken to date had not solved the problem but progress was being made. Deep gas wells drilled into the waste has been completed with an uplift of gas collection of 500m<sup>3</sup>/hr. Biffa has seen a reduction in odours. Biffa outlined that the weather had hindered some works, with further areas identified to install additional pin wells to reduce the odours.

Odour suppressant scent currently being used is citrus.

DJ raised residents concerns of vehicles queuing on the A1077. Both representatives of Roxby Parish Council denied this was occurring – road is visible from PF property. Biffa assured that this was not the case; gates are open from 0500hrs to allow all vehicles to use the internal access road before the site officially opens for operational landfilling activity. If the gates are not open, drivers are advised to continue their journey into Scunthorpe and turnaround.

PM raised concerns regards debris on the A1077; Biffa continue to advise drivers to ensure all their loads are sheeted and secured – if necessary the driver will be refused entry.

Biffa confirmed waste arrives by road and rail. Approximately 12 train loads are accepted per week; and 50 wagons daily by road. Operations are Monday – Friday and Saturday morning.

### 3. Environment Agency Update

See attached report and presentation slides.

Environment Agency has commenced a formal investigation following a number of significant permit breaches. The Environment Agency continues to monitor the situation closely and liaise with local representatives and Andrew Percy MP.

Environment Agency has written to North Lincolnshire Council regarding the height of the landfill site. The current contours appear to be within the permitted levels of the environmental permit; confirmation of those agreed with the Planning Authority is required. The Environment Agency are awaiting the submission of a drawing detailing the current pre-settlement levels following the latest survey. **Action: Biffa to provide update drawing of current contours.**

**Post Meeting:** Biffa has informed the Environment Agency of a concern on site relating to waste settlement, which has the potential to release further odours. The Environment Agency and Biffa met on site on Thursday 6 February 2020, and a plan has been produced and agreed to remediate the issue, work has already commenced, and a further investigation by the EA will be carried out.

### 4. Roxby PC Update

Roxby Parish Councillors considered the information provided by Biffa had been received well in their community – being kept up to date assisted in their discussions.

### 5. Communications with Councillors & Residents

Biffa will continue to provide weekly updates during the current period.

### 6. AOB

None

### 7. Date of Next Meeting

Proposed date: 6 March 2020 at 10am – Roxby Site Office

Helen Renshaw

Team Leader - EPR Installations  
Environment Agency  
Lincoln

**Distribution**

Winterton Town Council (Clerk)  
Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council (Clerk)  
Cllr Ogg  
Cllr Rowson  
Cllr Marper  
NLC – Environmental Health  
Burton Upon Stather Parish Council  
Andrew Percy MP  
Biffa/EA

**See Update Attached:**

**Presentation and Update by EA**  
**Presentation by Biffa**  
**Environmental Permit BW2951IM/V011**