



Rookery South ERF Community Liaison Panel

15th July 2019

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence/resignations etc.
2. Facilitator's opening remarks and notes from previous meeting 29th April 2019 and matters arising
3. Brief update on JR appeal - VERBAL (Tom Koltis)
4. Questions to the Environment Agency
5. Network Rail – Level Crossing Upgrade (John Emery, NR)
6. Construction Update (Marie Sirven)
7. Community Energy initiative update VERBAL (Neil Grimstone)
8. Community Trust Fund update VERBAL (Neil Grimstone)
9. Monitoring Report from the Planning Authority (Roy Romans)
10. Next Covanta newsletter VERBAL (David Spencer)

AGENDA cont.

13. CLP member questions

- i. Noise out of permitted hours/Continuous pouring of cement and publicity leaflet (Wootton PC/ Cllr Clark)
- ii. RoW strategy footpaths and bridleways (Robina Chatham)
- iii. Perimeter fence security (Houghton PC)
- iv. Continuous pouring of cement (Cllr Clark)
- v. Nassau whistleblower (Millbrook PC)
- vi. Height of cranes v stack (Millbrook PC)

14. Items for the next CLP Agenda

15. Time, date and venue of the next CLP meeting



Green Lane Level Crossing Upgrade



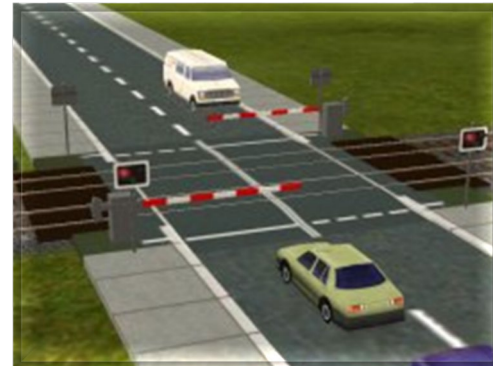
Why do we need to upgrade the level crossing?

- The increased number of vehicular movements over Green Lane Level Crossing will increase the safety risk,
- Network Rail regularly assess each Level Crossing and has concluded Green Lane requires upgrading due to the increased number of vehicle movements,
- The upgraded crossing will offer an improved level of protection for both pedestrians and vehicle users.



Current Crossing Layout

- The crossing equipment is activated automatically by an approaching train,
- The crossing is only observed to be clear by the approaching train driver,
- When lowered, the barriers only extend across the entrances to the crossing leaving the exits clear,
- Still gives the ability for drivers or pedestrians to enter the path of an oncoming train,



New Proposed Crossing

- The crossing equipment is activated by a qualified Network Rail Signaller,
- Crossing is only observed to be clear by signaller before a train can approach,
- When lowered, the barriers extend across the whole width of the carriageway on each approach,
- Barrier downtime per operation will increase to between 3-4 mins per operation due to the enhanced protection,



Project Timescales

- The upgrade work will commence in Summer 2020, and includes:
 - New Railway Signals,
 - New Level Crossing deck,
 - New Level Crossing barriers and signage.
- Likely to be two weekend road closures to facilitate the works; diversions will be in place,
- Upgraded level crossing will be operational by end 2020,
- Any future growth in usage will be assessed to understand whether any further interventions are required.















Any Questions?



6. Construction Update

- Construction is progressing on time
- Construction compound and temporary car park have been built
- Piling is completed in all areas except in the bank for the tipping hall
- Concrete pouring (slab and blinding) started mid May and is still on-going in the different areas of the site
- Erection of the civil crane
- Slip-forming activities for the waste bunker have started (early June) and are expected to end mid August (including dismantling of the slip-forming rig)
- Underground services (drainage, utilities) is still on-going

Construction Programme

Activity	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Works Commencement NTP March 2019					
Access Road & Green Lane Junction					
Civil Construction (incl. piling)					
M&E Installation					
Boiler Testing					
Cold Commissioning (Power on Oct 2020)					
Hot Commissioning (First waste fire May 2021)					
Testing & Full Operation					

Site View looking North



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View looking South



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Site View Waste bunker



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Verbal Reports

- 7. Community Energy Initiative
- 8. Community Trust Fund
- 9. Planning Authority Monitoring
- 10. Newsletter

Monitoring of the Rookery South (Resource Recovery Facility) Development Consent Order 2011

**Roy Romans – Minerals and Waste Team
Leader**



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Minerals and Waste Team

- Providing a minerals and waste planning service to Bedford and Central Bedfordshire Councils since 2009.
- Based at Priory House, Chicksands.
- Seven full time posts (Manager, four planning officers, one monitoring officer and one admin support officer)
- Currently manage 168 mineral and waste sites in Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire.



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Rookery South DCO

- Minerals and Waste Service monitors the DCO on behalf of Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils.
- DCO has 34 Sections and 7 schedules:

SCHEDULE 1 — AUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT AND REQUIREMENTS

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PART 2 — REQUIREMENTS

SCHEDULE 2 — STREETS SUBJECT TO STREET WORKS

SCHEDULE 3 — PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

PART 1 — PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY EXTINGUISHED

PART 2 — RIGHTS OF WAY CREATED OR IMPROVED

SCHEDULE 4 — STREETS TO BE TEMPORARILY STOPPED UP

SCHEDULE 5 — ACCESS TO WORKS

SCHEDULE 6 — LAND OF WHICH TEMPORARY POSSESSION MAY BE TAKEN

SCHEDULE 7 — PROTECTION OF NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED



Schedule 1, Part 1 Requirements

- Forty one requirements.
- A person commits an offence if without reasonable excuse the person —
 - (a) carries out, or causes to be carried out, development in breach of the terms of an order granting development consent, or
 - (b) otherwise fails to comply with the terms of an order granting development consent.



Rookery South DCO Legal Agreements

- Legal Agreement signed in July 2011.
- Nineteen site specific covenants covering issues such as highways, landscaping, rights of way, community liaison, emissions data, local employment, electricity subsidy, BMK waterway.
- Legal Agreement signed in March 2013.
- Bedford Milton Keynes Waterway contribution
- £3.375 Million (index linked)



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Keeping the Community Liaison Group updated

- Update on monitoring within the previous period since the last Community Liaison Group.
- Any problems in the interim to be reported to:
www.mwapplications@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
- Case Officer is Anita Taylor. Contact details:
- Email - Anita.taylor@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
- Tel No. - 0300 300 6639



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10. Questions from CLP members – Prior submission

From previous meeting

- i. **Noise out of permitted hours/Continuous pouring of cement and publicity leaflet** (Wootton PC/ Cllr Clark)
 - Construction hours were extended to 24hr from the **15th of May to the 22nd of August** but there was no activity on site after 7pm during this week.
 - Concrete pouring activities requiring the 24hr working period started on the **17th of June**. No complaints received so far.
 - Leaflet was distributed explaining the activities being undertaken during this period and visits were made to the nearest properties (sailing club, Pillinge farm etc)
- ii. **Rights of Way strategy, footpaths and bridleways** (Robina Chatham)
 - Bridleway specifications from BHS reviewed – width at least 4m
 - Local authority RoW officers contacted for response. Still under discussion.
- iii. **Perimeter fence security** (Houghton PC)
 - The perimeter fence is regularly inspected and repaired by HZI if needed. No deer have been seen in the recent weeks within the site.

10. Questions from CLP members – Prior submission

Written questions received

iv. **Nassau whistleblower** (Millbrook PC)

- Re Covanta Hempstead Plant: *“Can Covanta representatives provide more information on some of the news stories that BACI have found regarding Covanta facilities in the U.S? The law suit by a whistleblower regarding the [Covanta Hempstead Plant], Nassau is particularly concerning.”*
- Verbal answer (TK)

v. **Height of cranes vs stack** (Millbrook PC)

- *“How much higher than these cranes (when fully vertical) will the stack be?”*
- The height of the cranes working within the site will be around 70m
- The Energy from waste stacks will be 105m (from the base of the pit)

Thank You.



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