

Johnsons Aggregates & Recycling Ltd - Whittlesey Liaison Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday, 21st May 2025, 1:13 PM

Location: Teams Meeting

Chair:

Paul Capell – Chairman - Johnsons Aggregates & Recycling Ltd.

Attendees:

Deborah Jeakins – Cambridgeshire County Council

Helen Wass – Cambridgeshire County Council

Bill Field - Cambridgeshire County Council

Christian Smith – GP Planning

Oliver Howes – Environment Agency

Dougie Douglas - Environment Agency

Laura Harwood – Fenland District Council

Cllr Boden -

Lewis Johnson – CEO - Johnsons Aggregates & Recycling Ltd.

Stuart Hutchings - Johnsons Aggregates & Recycling Ltd.

James Watkins - Johnsons Aggregates & Recycling Ltd.

Trevor Burton - Johnsons Aggregates & Recycling Ltd.

1. Apologies & Previous Minutes

- The chair referred to the liaison meeting held on 26th November 2024.
- Apologies not explicitly recorded.
- Minutes from the previous meeting acknowledged.

2. Terms of Reference

- No updates or comments received.

3. Operations, Planning & Environmental Permitting Update

- CB stated that there had been no objections regarding dust.
- DJ stated that local resident groups had requested the minutes to be shared. PC advised that JAR had no objections to this.
- PC informed the meeting that the site was operating below volumes, concrete repairs are ongoing.
- Solar Power: Rooftop solar unusable due to power network generator limitations and cable thefts.

- Wastewater: The site was not connected as it is a condition of the permit to have sealed drainage.
 - DJ noted that local resident concerns about metal storage. LJ advised: Metal (non-ferrous) sold to EMW, which is being temporarily stored, prior to export, which is to be removed by end of next week.
 - EMW: Not currently processing due to market values in the global market and the lack of demand.
 - DJ indicated that the enforcement team were monitoring the situation.
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- Complaints & Compliance were discussed PC presented a table of complaints over time. PC stated all complaints are logged and tracked to closure.
 - The question was raised if Johnsons Aggregates received resident complaints and it was confirmed that some directly contacted Johnsons, though the majority was through the Environment Agency or Cambridgeshire County Council. CB said this was appreciated.
 - Traffic Concerns were raised, regarding vehicles reportedly turning left at the exit to Peterborough Road (A605) then double backing at the roundabout and re-entering Whittlesey. PC said this was unacceptable and asked for evidence of the vehicles.
 - PC expressed concern that residents had been spotted on the site taking photographs and were exposing themselves to potential risk. CB undertook to remind residents that it is private land. LH said that residents had been advised that they should only report issues that affect them directly and that some were going out to gather evidence that was not legally admissible, and it has warned residents and Saxon Gate against risky and dangerous behaviour.
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 - PC said there was an increasing number of drones being used over the site which raised concerns over H&S. CB said that the Town council and residents had been warned that they were putting themselves and others at risk.

5. Planning Updates

- Drone Guidance: Provided by Bill Field (BF).
- Planning & Reg 25 Response was submitted 1st May, this includes highway junction modelling.
- Consultations:
 - - Whittlesey Town Council: Objected.
 - - Environment Agency (EA): No objection.
 - - Consultation closed 31st May.
 - - Earliest committee date: 16th July.

6. Site Access & Mitigation

- Noise Mitigation: Ongoing collaboration with landowner on noise attenuation and buttressing works. Access Road: Adjusted to route traffic away from nearby properties. Fencing and planting part of proposed works.
- Speed & Dust Control: DJ presented plans to reduce both.
- Permitting: Application submitted; PC and DD to follow up.

7. Visits & Engagement

- Committee Visit: Scheduled for 11th June. Site visit via minibus.
- Stakeholder Access: PC offered opportunity to visit site. LJ confirmed open-door policy.

8. Additional Notes

- Metal Storage Risk: LJ stated ferrous metals treated as low risk.
- Next Meeting: Scheduled for six months' time.