

Scott & Scott Meeting, Thursday 17th September 2009 Epping Forest District Council

In attendance:

John Preston (Chair) - EFDC
Fay Rushby - EFDC
Warren Scott - Scott & Scott
Paul Baccarini - EFDC
Susan Day - Environment Agency
Alex Chown - Environment Agency
Richard Rajham - HSE
Andy Hodges - Essex Fire

Apologies for Absence:

John Gilbert - EFDC
Stuart McMillan - Essex Fire
Andy Senior - Essex Fire

Minutes:

1. Warren Scott - current status (Security measures)
 - Heras fencing bolted to concreted wooden posts in as a temporary. Palisade fencing planned when site operations resume.
 - Alex Chown requested copy of tenancy agreement to confirm site boundaries.
 - No site activities at present.
 - Weekly check being undertaken by Scott & Scott. Recommendation made to record weekly checks.
 - No significant quantity of water on site – matter requires immediate attention by Scott & Scott. 30,000 litre and 10,000 litre bowsers are available for immediate deployment to site. Longer term water provision also discussed.

2. Alex Chown - Review letter 30th June and notes of the meeting on 22nd June 2009
 - Generally re-iterated the points highlighted in the meeting notes of 22nd June 2009.

3. Warren Scott - Site Clearance strategy
 - Scott & Scott that ash results have been received.
 - Scott & Scott preference is for off-site processing using a crusher and a three way screen with ferrous metals removal. Proposed processing location is Bridgeford Quarry, Nr Duxford.
 - Fay Rushby indicated preference for off-site processing on dust control grounds.
 - Alex Chown outlined need to contact Environment Agency officer local to Duxford for relevant permits and work method statements for ash processing.
 - Scott & Scott advised loading shovels would be used on cold material only.
 - HSE suggested use of thermal imaging cameras on ash suspected as too hot to work.
 - Dust control measures would still be required for any ash movements. All bowsers (amounting to 50,000 litres to be on site when this happens), and as many dust bosses as required and recognition of prevailing wind. Would prefer conveyor movement of ash rather than tipping ash from a loading shovel from height.

4. Warren Scott - Future operations

- Discussed tyre bailing, which was not generally well received by the regulatory agencies.
- Discussed wood operation, may result in processing a higher quality specification of wood, with smaller bays or processing batches and working to more of a 'just in time' basis to minimise the need to stockpile.
- Regulators suggested another (site) meeting when Scott & Scott have a clearer idea of their intentions for the site.
- Consideration to water collection systems.
- Environmental permits may be required due to changes to the Environmental Permitting Regulations.
- Ultimate enclosure of the site and its activities was discussed.
- Traffic considerations would always be problematic

5. AOB

- Residents letter well received by those who got it.
- Local businesses as well as residents may have benefited from its receipt.
- A number of local residents did not realise that here had been a change in Operator, thinking that Steve Gyoury was still Operating the activity.
- Consideration of mechanisms of communicating progress with site to the local residents.

Key outcomes:

1. Contact the Environment Agency officer local to the site proposed for ash processing activities for local work method statements. Need to ensure appropriate permits or exemptions are obtained.
2. Produce an action plan and clear documented strategy (with reference to the notes from the meeting date 22nd June 2009).
3. Provide a water bowser on site (week commencing 21st September 2009) to cover any immediate water requirements.
4. Regulators to consider a public relations strategy for site clearance and future operations.