

## South Kirkby Community Liaison Group Meeting

**Date:** Monday 20 March 2023  
**Chair:** Gary Blenkinsop, Service Director for Environment, Street Scene & Climate Change  
**Time:** 18:00pm  
**Minutes:** Suzanne Daykin, Senior Administrator, Renewi  
**Location:** South Kirkby Main Site, Brigantian Way, WF9 3TH

### Attendees

Gary Blenkinsop (GB)	Service Director for Environment, Street Scene & Climate Change (via Teams)
Suzanne Daykin (SD)	Senior Administrator, Renewi
Anna Grant (AG)	Regulatory Officer, Environment Agency (via Teams)
Julie Greenwood (JG)	Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council
David Heseltine (DH)	Contract Director, Renewi
Sally Hurn (SH)	Performance Framework Manager, Renewi
Jonathan Singleton (JS)	Senior Operations Manager, Renewi
Steve Tulley (ST)	District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 14

### Apologies

Hilary Mitchell	Deputy Portfolio Holder – Climate Change and Environment
Michelle Collins	Deputy Portfolio Holder - Resources
Moira Mattingley-Nunn (MMN)	Education Manager, Renewi

### Unconfirmed Attendees

Reg Mills	Local Resident
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### Minutes

<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions – Gary Blenkinsop, Chairperson</b></p> <p>GB welcomed all to the meeting.</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies – Chairperson</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from those as listed above.</p>
<p><b>3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 14 March 2022</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.</p>
<p><b>4. Service Delivery / Performance Update – Julie Greenwood, Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council</b></p> <p>JG advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council's fortnightly Garden Waste collections recommenced on 14 March 2023 and 361 tonnes has been collected. This figure is down when compared to the same week last year (600 tonnes) due to poor weather conditions.</li> <li>Late night openings commence at the HWRCs from Monday 27 March 2023 in line with BST. Discussions took place regarding the decrease in footfall on the HWRCs. DH advised it is down approximately 25-25% when compared to pre-Covid times. A factor of the reduction</li> </ul>

could be due to increased meet and greet activities on the sites and the reduction of potential trade waste.

- The current initiative on the HWRCs is to encourage members of the public to segregate waste, focusing on black bag waste. Areas are available on the HWRCs for the public if required to segregate black bags to increase recycling. DH advised that Renewi is expecting the recycling figures for February to be around 80% as the frequency of skip emptying has significantly increased. JG further commented that the majority of the public were accepting of the change and the campaign was communicated well.
- The re-use campaign was re-launched over the previous month and sites are encouraging members of the public to place relevant items in the re-use container for local charities.
- Domestic seating collections are now managed differently due to the introduction of new regulations from 1 January 2023. All soft furnished items have to be sent for thermal destruction due to the chemicals contained. Items are being segregated on the HWRCs and the Council is working with Renewi to develop a long term strategy for the segregation, storage and haulage. JG thanked Renewi for their support with the new process. ST commented that the Council bulky team will collect these items from the public. DH commented that haulage of the POPs items will have environmental impacts.

## 5. Operational Performance Update and Technical Update

### Operational update – David Heseltine, Contract Director, Renewi

DH advised the following:

- Stock levels have been significantly reduced since the previous meeting. MDR MRF stock has reduced from approximately 600 tonnes this time last year to current approximately 100 tonnes and residual waste reduced from approximately 1,000 tonnes to 400 tonnes. Renewi is pushing to reduce stock levels as much as possible towards year end as it will affect the calculation rate.
- Renewi's recycling performance is currently forecasting at approximately 51% with an approximately 4,100 tonne reduction in Garden Waste (which equates to around 2.7%).
- Work on the segregation of black bags has been successful and the achievement can be seen in the February data.
- Initiatives in the MDR MRF are in place to reduce rejects as approximately 30% of rejects could be reprocessed.
- Fire incidents in the MDR MRF continue to have a significant impact on performance, the facility has seen 125 incidents from April 2022 to present. The main cause of these incidents is lithium ION batteries. Renewi is in consultation with an external Risk Consultant and the Technical team is looking at how they can identify issues better. Renewi is also working with the Fire Service in an effort to reduce batteries in the waste stream. JG commented that vapes/e-cigs are a major issue as the Government trading standards is not enforcing any take back service in the stores for disposable units.
- Digester 3 has worked well over the last 12 months. A project is in place to empty Digester 1 and then Digester 2. The SBT is now back in service and is working well with the additional controls that were implemented.
- Availability of spares is critical with long lead times which has caused delays to planned works for November on the C2 conveyor, spaleck and ballistics.
- Security incidents at Denby Dale Road and Glasshoughton HWRCs continue to cause issues and Renewi is working with the Council to reduce the number of incidents. Renewi has invested a significant amount of money to upgrade the CCTV system which will provide a quicker response to the Police.

### Technical and odour update – Jonathan Singleton, Senior Operations Manager

JS advised the following:

- Odour complaints have significantly reduced during the last 12 months from 90 to 22 complaints. Additional monitoring takes place and now includes additional testing points. Data

is reviewed on a proactive basis for the carbon and OTS B and there has been an energy production increase of 9%. ST commented that over the last 12 months, he had not been advised of any issues from members of the public and the high levels of odour complaints has reduced due to the work that Renewi has undertaken. DH advised it takes a lot of management to ensure the doors are closed, stocks are kept as low as possible and facilities and equipment are cleaned. He further commented that local odours are not always from Renewi, and the team is trying to be more responsive in identifying other companies in the area as well as Renewi. GB commented that Renewi is proactive towards odour issues and continues reduce odour issues where possible. JS commented that he will pass the positive feedback from the community to the Technical team.

- Renewi achieved level 4, the highest standard for PAS100 soil improver. Positive feedback has been received from the local farmers.
- Diesel consumption has reduced across the project.

## 6. Education Service – Sally Hurn, Performance Framework Manager, Renewi

SH shared a presentation detailing the Education Service for the period of September 2022 to present on behalf of MMN:

- 46 school events and 67 community events took place during period, a total of 114 events have taken place, along with a number of Waste Minimisation Campaigns.
- WEEE collection points have been implemented in three libraries on a trial basis across the district. A review will take place to determine if the scheme will continue and expand across other locations.
- Social Media continues to grow, the highest reached post was relating to soil improver which reached 32,298 people.
- The team is looking into the possibility of placing vape receptacles at the HWRCs and across the Bring Site network.
- A volunteer day was held in the Education Centre in March 2023 and a CSR day in the Education Centre garden is planned to take place towards the end of March.
- The Education Team is fully booked for the remainder of the year and has exceeded the contractual number of events.

ST commented that the younger generation are more on board with recycling than the older generation. DH advised that it is an ongoing challenge to educate members of the public and that approximately 55% of waste comes in through the residual waste stream. There is little opportunity to remove items as there is currently no offtaker for dirty plastics.

## 7. Environment Agency – Anna Grant, Environment Agency

AG advised the following:

- The EA had seen a reduction of odour complaints received. 12 complaints were received with the majority of the being in September and not all of them were substantiated.
- Battery issues on site are common GB asked if there is anyway pushing this back to the Government as it is a national issue and not just Wakefield. AG advised she could speak to colleagues/trade groups to try and lobby to the Government.
- Site visits have taken place focussing on the drainage audit and fire prevention. The second part of the AD plant audit is due to take place in April 2023. An audit of the Odour Management Plan is due to take place next year.
- Renewi continue to work to the new regulations relating to POPs items, which is reassuring. DH commented that whilst Renewi is compliant the downside of this is the increase of emissions due to increased vehicular movements. JG advised the local authorities are lobbying the government as additional haulage costs are anticipated to increase by £350k which is unsustainable.

## 8. Odour Review – Jonathan Singleton, Renewi

No additional comments were made under this agenda item.

## 8. Any Other Business

### AOB 1: DH

#### Netherlands Visit

DH advised a visit to Netherlands took place to look at future possibilities. JG commented the Council is in discussions with Renewi to maximise the AD facility for food waste. This would be a good opportunity as there are no other facilities within the district.

### AOB 2: GB

#### Additional Bank Holidays

GH asked if the opening hours for the additional bank holiday for the HWRCs has been agreed and communicated. SH advised there will be no change and the HWRCs will be open as normal.

### AOB 3: GB

#### Key Issues For The Next Meeting

GB suggested it would be beneficial for the next meeting to discuss the following key issues:

- POPs update
- Odour management
- HWRC crime prevention

**A: SD to add POPs update, odour management and HWRC crime prevention to the agenda for the next meeting.**

### AOB 4: ST

#### HWRC Feedback

ST noted that responses given from members of the public regarding HWRC layout and HWRC staff is good and requested the positive feedback be passed on to the relevant teams.

**A: SH to pass the positive feedback for HWRC staff received from ST to JL to pass down through his team.**