

**John Pointon and Sons Ltd Liaison Group Meeting  
5.00 pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

The following members were present:

<b>Chair</b>	Karen Bradley (Member of Parliament)
<b>Member of Parliament For Stoke South</b>	Jack Brereton
<b>Environment Agency</b>	Steve Thomason – Site Inspector
<b>Councillors:</b>	CLlr Harold Jennings - Cheddleton Parish Council CLlr John Tunna - Cheddleton Parish Council CLlr Mike Bowen- SMDC District Council
<b>Pointons:</b>	Barney Williams - Technical Director
<b>Animal Health</b>	See apologies
<b>Representing Residents:</b>	Kevin Benfield Joe Smith Patricia Duffy
<b>Staffordshire County Council</b>	See apologies
<b>Apologies</b>	Stephanie Young (Trading Standards – Animal Health)

**1. Welcome**

Karen Bradley our Member of Parliament welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Update from Environment Agency**

Steve Thomason (ST) stated that since the last meeting in July 2017 that there had been 4 complaints received. Two referencing odour, one referencing waste and one for alleged noise. The year to date total of odour complaints is 11 from local residents. ST confirmed that the number of complaints so far this year is a record low.

ST reported that there were 6 Schedule 5 notifications from the company since the last meeting which included issues such as power outages, steam release and short term door failures.

## **2. Update from John Pointon and Sons**

### **Roof Replacement – Category 1 & 3**

All roof replacement works have been completed for 2017 and will now recommence in March 2018 with the Category 1 raw material building.

### **Biomass Proposals**

The company has received planning permission from Staffordshire County Council for a waste wood biomass facility on site which will provide the energy needed to operate the Category 3 processing facility and also enough electricity to operate key aspects of the factory i.e. 1.4 MW of electrical energy.

An environmental permit application will now be made to the Environment Agency which will detail all aspects of the plant e.g. emissions, energy, odour etc. Timescale Quarter 1 2018.

### **Grid Connection**

BW confirmed that the Company has now placed an official order with Western Power to install an upgraded grid connection to the factory. The grid connection has been delayed by 6 months due to Cadent (National Grid) missing essential maintenance targets in 2017 which have been deferred to summer 2018. The new timescale is December 2019 to go live.

### **CHP Project**

The company are currently working with Centrica to design a combined heat and power (CHP) system which will be a gas fired boiler that will raise steam to provide the heat for a drying process within the water treatment plant (WTP). There will also be a small amount of electricity generated which will be fed into the factory electrical system. Update at next meeting.

### **Biobed Refurbishments**

The Company plan to undertake refurbishments of four of the factory biobed abatement systems early in 2018. Each system will be off line for a maximum of 2 days which will tie in with factory engineering days. An environmental impact assessment (EIA) will be undertaken by the Company and submitted to the Environment Agency for approval before each phase is undertaken. The works will be completed in readiness for the spring and summer months of 2018.

## **4. Update from Staffordshire County Council - Animal Health Team**

There had been no spillages reported since the last liaison group meeting.

Members of the public can contact the council or report spillages by the following websites or telephone: 0300 111 8000

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/business/tradingstandards/animalhealth/byproducts/>

<http://www.stoke.gov.uk/ccm/content/business/trading-standards/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-waste-spills.en>

## **5. Update from Animal Health**

There was no update from APHA for this meeting.

BW reported that there have been no related disease outbreaks since the last meeting and the Company continues to comply with the animal by product regulations in accordance with their premises APHA approval.

## **6. Any other business**

In the previous meeting Cllr Jennings considered the design of the trailers in use and made a suggestion to BW with regard to a potential design change which could eliminate the potential for such spillages. BW thanked Cllr Jennings and stated that he would put the idea forward to his Transport Team and he would also suggest the proposal at a national forum that he was attending in the forthcoming weeks with fellow rendering companies and DEFRA.

BW has also asked a local engineering company to obtain a design drawing and potential cost. There will be an update at the March 2018 meeting.

## **7. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting to be held at the John Pointon and Sons Recreation Centre on

**Friday 23 March 2018 at 5.00 pm.**