

COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETINGS

The attached is from the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Variation Business Case. This shows how the CLG is intended to be set up. In 9.1.1. it states 'Representatives from local interest groups'. Regrettably, this CLG has not been set up in a suitable way. This should be rectified.

Gloucestershire has the same parent company and also the same members from Urbaser as those attending the CLGs at Hartlebury. The members attending both CLGs are Javier Piero, Ian Barber, Andrew Bendall (he transferred some months ago) and Caroline MacDonald. Members of the public are also allowed to attend. Barriers have been put up every time we have requested that one or two nominated local concerned residents should be allowed to attend. All dealings since 2009 have been respectful and there is no reason for Hartlebury to be treated in an inferior fashion.

In Gloucestershire funding has been 'provided for Air Quality equipment. A sum of £15,000 has been provided for tree screening. Confirmation has been given that £26,000 will be given for Air Quality monitoring equipment, this is to commence six months prior to the live operation of the facility.'

Also £25,000 per year is being allocated for Community projects during the life of the project along with around £700,000 which is in addition to the requirements of the contract.

The terms of reference for Glos state that the aims and objectives and some general points for the operation and membership of the Glos CLG state that it is to give local residents and other interest groups an opportunity to discuss matters arising from the site operations. The terms of reference to be reviewed at a minimum once a year. Residents within 250m to be within the membership.

It also states that membership should be extended to residents, local community groups and local business in the wider area dependent upon initial membership numbers.

This courtesy has never been extended to Hartlebury and this needs to be addressed.