

Variation Business Case

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9 Stakeholder Communications

9.1 Changes to the communications strategy since Financial Close

9.1.1 All the major operational facilities provided under the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JWMSC) have an established Community Liaison Group (CLG) chaired by the Local County Councillor. These groups consist of:

- The local County Councillor
- Representatives of MWM
- Representatives of the client team
- Representatives from the local Parish Councils
- Representatives from local interest groups
- Representatives from the Environment Agency

9.1.2 From time to time other parties will be invited to attend these meetings to discuss specific concerns or developments e.g. planning, permitting and nuisance.

9.2 Staff Transfers

9.2.1 As this is a variation to the original contract that was signed in 1998 there are no staff transfers required.

9.3 Engagement with other relevant authorities

9.3.1 Engagement with the statutory consultees started prior to the planning application being submitted, continued through discharging the pre-commencement conditions and into the operational phase of the EfW facility. This engagement has proven to be successful on other waste projects helping all parties to obtain the best results for those involved in operating, policing and living with the facility.

9.4 Engagement with local population since Financial Close

9.4.1 Through the period before the planning application was submitted and during the planning process MWM undertook a series of consultation events in the vicinity of the proposed plant and established a Community Liaison Group.

9.4.2 A link to the Contractors Community Liaison Group webpage is available below.
<http://www.envirecover.co.uk/clg.htm>

9.5 Engagement with any community groups or NGOs involved or interested in waste management in the area

9.5.1 A local opposition group was established in the early stages of the process to coordinate opposition of local people. W.A.I.L - Worcestershire Against Incineration and Landfill - have been the focal point of local objection. Members of this group have attended the CLG previously mentioned.

9.5.2 In addition there have been a number of FOI and EIR requests all dealt with by various teams within the Councils. Both Herefordshire and Worcestershire have ensured a consistent approach to communications and responses to information requests where appropriate.

9.6 Details of any public consultations

9.6.1 The review of the JMWMS was widely consulted on and the details of that consultation can be found here in Annex H:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/recycling-and-waste/waste-strategy.aspx>