

Agenda No. 16(2)

Appointment of representatives to serve on the Community Liaison Group

Following the advertisement which appeared in the April edition of the Parish Magazine, I have received 2 applications for the above position. The two candidates are Peter Townley and Graham Hipkins. Their brief applications are set out below:-

(1) Peter Townley

Personal Background

A resident of Hartlebury since 1985.

Teacher of Design and Technology, Science and IT up to GCSE level for 34 years in Secondary Schools.

Part time Lecturer in Engineering Skills and Engineering Science to NVQ/BTEC levels 1 & 2 at a regional Further Education College for 8 years.

EfW Incinerator Project Involvement

Involved in scrutiny of the EfW Incinerator project since 2009.

A local representative on the original EfW Incinerator CLG during the planning stage of the project.

Directly involved in the production of extensive documentation relating to the facility.

Analysis and evaluation of project documents produced by the Council and the Contractor.

Comprehensive understanding of the incineration and energy recovery process.

Areas of Concern

All emissions from the facility – to air, water and soil

Air quality in the local area generally and nitrogen oxides and particulate levels specifically.

Light and noise pollution from the facility.

Traffic going to and from the facility and any potential changes to the volume.

How open and transparent the Council and Contractor are when engaging with residents.

The 'Value for Money' of the facility.

My Perception of the Role

To act as a conduit for the HPC's and local residents' concern regarding the EfW Incinerator.

To report back to the HPC and local residents on all matters discussed at the CLG.

(2) Graham Hipkins

As previously expressed while attending the February parish council meeting, I would be interested in offering my services as a representative for the council at the CLG meetings with the operators of the EfW incinerator.

My education, training and working life has been that of a mechanical engineer, in heavy industry. This covers the design, manufacture, installation and maintenance of a broad range of equipment in highly automated foundries, forges, rolling mills and press shops. It has by necessity sometimes involved the construction of buildings, extensions, complex foundations and utility civils to accommodate plant lines.

Recently, the period being within the last 4 years, my services have been contracted through agents to work with Eriks – Dutch Multinational Engineering Group on maintenance aspects of waste incinerator/power generation installations for Veolia. While certainly not claiming to be an expert on incinerator units, I understand the principle of basic systems needed to run and control the operation.

I made clear in the meeting earlier in the year, I am not against the principle of waste disposal through incineration, it has afforded me a very good source of income. My interest is the operation of the EfW to ensure that it is correctly run in a safe, controlled and impact limiting way both environmentally and nuisance wise to the residents of the surrounding parishes.

I realise that the economic and legislative controls of such an operation will not be influenced by the CLG, that's up to the contractual arrangements of the local government authority and the operating company. Judging by past performance of the ability of the governing bodies, they will be at best woefully lacking and at worst considered – well I believe we should leave it at that.

Can I therefore ask the Council to consider my offer of interest, understanding that should other applicants more eminently qualified than I come forward, then they would take preference.