Minutes of Allstone Liaison Group meeting

Date: Tuesday 18th July 2023

Venue: Allstone House, Myers Road, Gloucester.

Attendees:

Tony Davies (TD): Interim Managing Director, Allstone Rowan Elliott (RE): New Managing Director, Allstone David Ambrose (DA): Operations Director, Allstone

Simon Ford (SF): Allstone

Paul Duncliffe (PD): Agent for Allstone (Chair)
Sarah Pearse (SP): Gloucestershire County Council
Linda Townsend (LT): Gloucestershire County Council
Nick Bainton (NB): Gloucestershire County Council

PD: Welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Rowan Elliott had been appointed as the new Managing Director of Allstone and asked Rowan to introduce himself to the meeting.

RE: Advised that he started his new role today. He outlined some of his previous employment roles which had a heavy focus on the aggregates/waste/asphalt sectors. He had worked for various private and larger corporate entities and was looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of being the Managing Director of Allstone. Rowan advised that he lives in Gloucester.

Item 1: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

The Minutes which had been circulated were approved.

Item 2: Update to be provided on all improvements/repairs/new equipment purchased since the last meeting.

DA: Provided an update of the following:

- the weighbridges on the waste transfer station site and on the recycling site had been completed. The new weighbridge on the waste transfer station site had been replaced due to its age and evidence of corrosion.
- modified internal access arrangements had been implemented for Health and Safety reasons.

TD: Advised that vehicle parking had been moved further away from the closest housing.

Item 3: Update on 22/0033/GLMAJW

PD: Provided an update on the application.

Item 4: Update on any complaints received since the last meeting.

NB: Advised that one complaint had been received about the door being open on the north side of the waste transfer station building.

SP/: Advised that a complaint had been received about a large amount of dust had gone over the NB housing area and the playing field.

TB: Expressed some surprise about this and asked what the date of the complaint was. He explained that dust cannons were regularly used when needed and was not aware of any instances of large dust plumes.

NB: Advised that Julie Turner had received the complaint on the 15th July via an e-mail.

TD: Advised that no activities had taken place which would have created large dust plumes especially given the recent prevailing weather conditions.

Item 5: Quarterly Waste Returns

PD: Advised that he would send over what we had to date.

Item 6: Feedback from Local Community Representatives

TD: Advised that he had met with Councillor Anne Radley and Jeremy Hilton. He had explained to them both that it was unreasonable in his opinion to use the liaison group to try and resolve problems and then use that information outside the confines of the Liaison Group. The Local Community Representative positions would be re-advertised on the Allstone website.

PD: Made reference to the various changes that had been made on the site since January 2023 in relation to visitor parking arrangements and health and safety changes.

LT: Suggested that the new Local Community Representatives could usefully be advertised in the next edition of Spotlight and suggested about a group of local residents also being involved.

TD: Advised that the member of staff who now dealt with the Spotlight news letter was very busy but would make sure that this was issued as soon as possible. In addition, Allstone were hoping to appoint a new role dealing with social media issues etc but this was dependent on how the economy went over the next few months.

Item 7: Any other business

None.