



Elstree & Borehamwood Residents Association

Minutes of Meeting for 7th November 2017

Date: 7th November 2017

Held at: St Theresa's Church Centre, Shenley Road, Borehamwood WD6 1TG

Committee Members Present: Andy Lewis (Chair), Lawrence Stack (Vice Chair), Suzanne Alford (Treasurer) and John Fort

Updates Since Our Last meeting:

China Update:

Further to EBRA's email enquiry to Cllr Pat Strack (Chair) on 11/9/17 about EBRA having a seat on the sub-committee and the email response on 12/9/17 from Cllr Pat Strack stating that there was 'no provision for this'. This was then challenged at the Full Town Council meeting the following evening by Jeremy Newmark. On 21/9/17 Huw Jones (Town Clerk) then wrote to EBRA, responding to some earlier queries e.g. who was on the sub-committee and he also provided us with their Terms of Reference and that they would consider the matter of EBRA joining the sub-committee and that they may seek guidance from the GMC. Then on 31/10/17 EBRA received an email stating that a decision had been made that no additional members be co-opted on to the group at this stage. This was emailed along with an 'Agreed Statement from the China Sub-Committee'. **Please see Appendix 1.**

The project starts on 12th November. It's raison d'être is for business, cultural and educational purposes.

Aldenham Reservoir Update:

No specific update but the ACPT (Aldenham Country Park Trust) Ltd AGM is on 27th November 2017 at 8pm at Allum Hall - Room 3.

Liberty Aldenham – Green Belt Land Update:

No further updates are currently available.

Reviva Compost Waste Site Update:

Regarding on-going 'unpleasant odour' problems coming from the Reviva compost site (and/or the Woodcock Hill Farm site), Sue Alford read out a letter dated 4th October 2017, extracted from the Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society website, sent by Ann Goddard (Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society Chair) to Hertsmere Borough Councils Planning Department and the response dated 6th October 2017 from Gavin Burns Principal Environmental Health Officer. Both are available on the Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society website '<http://www.ebgreenbelt.org/>'. **Or please see Appendix 2 for the full letter and response.**

In summary the public have been asked to continue complaining about any odours outside to the Environment Agency and to ring 0800 80 70 60 and to specifically use the word 'compost' when describing the smell. As it appears to date that whilst over 200 complaints have been logged with the Environment Agency, only about seven have specifically been logged against Reviva, as those callers used the word 'compost' which then connected the odour to

this waste compost site (or the Woodcock Hill Farm site). Otherwise the calls are not necessarily correctly connected to these sites.

Herts environmental health and Ann Goddard want to get a grant to analyse the smell. This could take another two years. In the meantime, the public need to contact Environmental agency as soon as possible when they smell this 'compost smell' so that the officers can analyse wind directions etc to determine the source of these smells.

Oliver Dowden, our MP, has previously visited the site with a neighbouring MP and is aware of the issues. He will shortly be arranging a meeting with the Environment Agency and the County Council to find a way forward.

Yavneh Primary School Update:

The Planning Committee eventually approved this application on 22nd September 2017

Borehamwood Shopping Centre Boulevard – Planning Application Ref: 17/0947/FUL – Update:

This Planning Application for three commercial units to be built in the car park area adjacent to the Metro bank is due to be heard on 17th November.

Police Update:

No Police attended. This Police did not respond at all to our request. These updates were extracted from the Hertfordshire Police's website and from recent OWL messages:

- I) Free Call Blockers for people with dementia – Please go to www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/callblocker. However please note that these units are limited in number.
- II) Appeal following an attempted robbery in Theobald Street, Borehamwood at 7pm on 22 October 2017. The victim refused to hand over his gold chain and the offender made off without it.
- III) Criminal damage was caused to a lamppost along a public footpath between Studio Way and Shenley Road Saturday 4th November 2017 shortly before 10.30am. Two men have been arrested.
- IV) Two men posing as gardeners under the name of 'Benson or Lamberts Tree Services', who stole from elderly residents via the use of distraction burglary methods, have been sentenced to 6 years and 15 months.

Buses and Hertfordshire Local Transport Plan Update:

We received an email just after our meeting from Steve Simmonds of Sullivan Buses who said there was no new news at the moment about buses.

However, he added that the draft Hertfordshire Local Transport Plan (LTP4) which will take us up to 2031, has been issued for consultation and lists towns where schemes (and presumably funds) will be put in place to encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport, especially buses in order to try and prevent increased congestion etc.

Hertsmere Borough Council – Policy and Transport Department - have still to submit their response (due to issues with work pressure and staff shortages and the Christmas break) and requested an extension until early February.

Here is the Hertfordshire Local Transport Plan Introduction:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/consultations/transport-and-highways/proposal-to-introduce-local-transport-plan-ltp4.aspx>

Here is the Draft Local Transport Plan – this will be updated in due course to allow for both the responses from the public consultation which ends on 23rd January and HBC's submission covering our area:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/about-the-council/consultations/ltp4-local-transport-plan-draft.pdf>

Here is the public consultation survey questionnaire outline:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/about-the-council/consultations/ltp4-2017-public-consultation-survey-outline.pdf>

The public consultation for Hertfordshire Local Transport Plan (LTP4) opened on 31st October 2017 and closes on 23rd January 2018.

New Agenda Items:

NHS Hertfordshire Consultation Process:

Andy Lewis discussed that due to acute financial pressures, NHS Hertfordshire (along with other counties and their local trusts) carried out a consultation exercise between June to September to establish the views of its users as to which services could be cut back. EBRA were concerned that out of the possible population of over 1 million, only 1500 were consulted. The services or patients under threat included morbidly obese patients with a BMI of over 40 not being referred for routine surgery, smokers being required to quit smoking before being referred to for non-urgent surgery, gluten free food no longer available on prescription, female sterilisation only funded in exceptional circumstances and IVF and other specialist fertility treatments no longer being funded except in exceptional circumstances.

Local Plan:

Further to recent 'Local Plan drop in sessions' arranged by the Planning Department, EBRA sought to discuss the information from these sessions with those present at our meeting. To date the Local Plan highlights the issues we face over the coming 15 or so years and the options available to us. The Plans revealed various sites of interest that could be used for brownfield site development, new garden suburbs and a new garden Village. The results are based on the initial consultation with residents carried out in 2016 and is based on needing to build 9000 homes and create 9000 jobs in Hertsmere during the next 15-year local plan period.

At the Local Plan events residents were given the opportunity of expressing their views further to the consultation in 2016 and were provided with questionnaires / questions per area of functional interest. The deadline for these questionnaires is 30th November 2017. The information and questionnaires are available on www.hertsmere.gov.uk/newlocalplan. There were also copies available at the local library, area council offices and parish and town council offices.

These key concerns were raised during our meeting:

- ◆ If a new garden village is built in North Mimms without any suitable rail or efficient public transport system infrastructure connecting to it, then many of these new commuters (typically going into London) are very likely to travel by car to St Albans, Radlett and Borehamwood to get the train. There is already insufficient parking at these stations and also the roads are gridlocked at peak traffic times, without adding these commuters to this equation.
- ◆ Due to the urgent need to increase the rate of house building, the government has allowed a relaxation of planning rules to permit the change of use of premises from commercial to residential to take place more easily. However, the loss of many local business premises' to aid and ease the housing crisis, has in turn diminished local employment opportunities and yet we need to create 9000 jobs for these 9000 new homes in Hertsmere.

Please refer to the links below for full details of this phase of the current Local Plan as at September 2017.

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Planning--Building-Control/Planning-Policy/Local-Plan/New-Local-Plan-Planning-for-Growth.aspx>

To see the 'Planning for Growth – Issues and Options – September 2017' public consultation document online/pdf version, copy and paste the link below.

- ◆ See P29 for a map showing areas of search for new garden suburbs around the area e.g. Cowley Hill, Woodcock Hill or next to the Allum Lane cemetery.
- ◆ See P32 and 35 for maps showing areas of search for housing in and around the local area e.g. Elstree, Shenley, Letchmore Heath, Patchetts Green, Round Bush, Ridge and South Mimms.
- ◆ See P38 for a map showing areas of search for a new garden village e.g. London Colney/ North Mimms area

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Documents/09-Planning--Building-Control/Planning-Policy/Local-Plan/Issues-and-Options-Report-final.pdf>

Crown Road – Temporary Modular housing:

Hertsmere Borough Council have proposed to erect 28 shipping container style modular housing units in a two-storey configuration on a small plot of land between existing houses on Crown Rad, Gateshead Road and Cowley Hill in Borehamwood for people with urgent housing needs.

Cllr Michelle Vince was asked to present the campaign against this initiative. In essence the campaign objected on these grounds:

- I) Impact on privacy in that these two storey high units would overlook people's gardens and living/sleeping areas in their homes.
- II) There were concerns about fire access not being fit for purpose as the site does not include any footpaths.
- III) The units would restrict the light received by the surrounding properties.
- IV) The appearance of these modular container style units is an eye-sore and not in keeping with the environment. A similar set up happened in Hanwell, Ealing and was not well received by residents.
- V) There is great concern about Borehamwood already being overcrowded and without any additional adjustments to its infrastructure.
- VI) There are around 60 or so of these similar sites around Borehamwood which have council-owned garages and there is great concern that if this scheme is approved, that other sites may be similarly affected in due course.
- VII) These homes would be smaller than the Governments minimum requirement for living space.
- VIII) There is poor access to this site in the event of any emergency.
- IX) Those units on the first storey may not be suitable for those with mobility issues or those with pushchairs etc
- X) The campaigners feel that the already disadvantaged residents who may live in these units deserve better standards of living quarters.

As at the time of our meeting, 288 objections had so far been received by the Planning Department. Please object via the Planning application website or email a letter of objection to the planning department or to the own council. Also join the face book group 'Borehamwood Under Threat'. The deadline for your objections is 9th November 2017 (although late objections will be accepted up until the date of the Planning Committee that will hear this Planning Application). Also, please attend the Planning Committee Meeting which is likely to be in the new year.

On 10th November between 3pm to 8pm at Aberford Park Community Centre there will be a public event showing a preferred proposal for developing land belonging to the Wrotherham Park Estate off Potters Lane, in the Cowley Hill area. This will be for the new 'Hertswood Primary School' which will provide places for 420 pupils and a 30-place nursery. In the event that this site is not successful then the focus will shift to the Maxwell Community Centre site. The County Council are not allowed to build any more schools and it is only developers who can build them. To fund the school, developers will be building around 58 new homes, of which 35 percent will be affordable, to be built off Potters Lane.

Meadow Park – Play area enhancements:

Following a review of the usage of Meadow Park by Hertsmere Borough Council, a number of key concerns and issues have been identified:

- ◆ occasional anti-social behaviour,
- ◆ that it's a cut through route rather than a destination,
- ◆ there's a need to increase open space due to increase in housing developments,
- ◆ lack of joint working with the football club,
- ◆ lack of engagement with the community,
- ◆ and need for greater car parking requirements.

So, HBC have put out to tender for the play area improvement element of a larger park scheme for Meadow Park. The project has a fixed budget of £280,000. Ideas include creating a wildlife and community garden, fitness stations and trails with surface markings, tree lined greenway across the park, surface to glow in dark to aid usability and security at night time, reinstatement of sports courts (following temporary use of existing ball courts as additional car parking facility), additional multi sports court, installation of BMX pump track, landscape improvements, and a creation of a park café by using the pavilion. However, this will impact on the bowls club.

Any other business:

Andy went through roadworks and events coming up in the area.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is on 30th January 2018 at 7.50pm at St Teresa's Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road, WD6 1TG.

Our future meeting for 2018 are on Tuesdays on these dates:

- ◆ 30th January
- ◆ 20th March
- ◆ 15th May
- ◆ 4th September
- ◆ 13th November

The End

APPENDIX 1

From the Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council - presented to the GMC on 19th October 2017

Agreed Statement from China Sub-Committee

Our Sister Town project commences on 12th November 2017 with the first delegation travelling to Huainan in Anhui province, where the signing of the Sister Town memorandum will take place to instigate the civic link between Huainan and Elstree & Borehamwood.

This opens amazing opportunities for local businesses to link with Chinese counterparts as well as for future cultural and educational exchanges. We are confident that this will lead to the formation of firm friendships.

The delegation will include two Elstree & Borehamwood Councillors and several business people, all of whom are self-funding. Support for this initiative has already been received from Oliver Dowden MP, Cllr. Morris Bright, leader, Hertsmere Borough Council, and Cllr. David Williams, chair of the Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Hertfordshire Enterprise Partnership.

APPENDIX 2

Letters and advice extracted from the Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society website, sent by Ann Goddard (Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society Chair) to Hertsmere Borough Council's Planning Department on 4th October 2017 and the response dated 6th October 2017 from Gavin Burns Principal Environmental Health Officer:

STENCH / Reviva / Hertsmere Environmental Health reply to letter from E&BGBS

**To complain to the Environment Agency please ring 0800 80 70 60
and register your objection when you smell the dreadful odour and
put pressure on for reform.**

The Green Belt Society's letter to Hertsmere Borough Council:

28 Deacons Hill Road

Elstree

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Planning Department
Hertsmere Borough Council Offices
Elstree Way
Borehamwood
Herts WD6 1WA

4 October 2017

Cc to Cllr Morris Bright, Cllr Harvey Cohen and Oliver Dowden CBE MP for Hertsmere

Dear Gavin Burns,

The Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society has received a number of complaints about the extremely unpleasant smells coming from the Reviva site at Elstree Hill South and now from Woodcock Hill Farm on Barnet Lane. The smell is not the agricultural one I remember from my rural childhood and must be from decaying mixed recycled material.

We know an abatement order was served on 9 December 2015 and it is beyond comprehension that 2 years later we are being assailed by really vile stench from both sites. To have this blight on the life quality of local residents continuing because of bureaucratic delays is most frustrating.

Please end this nuisance and ensure the compliance of Reviva.

Yours sincerely

Ann Goddard
Chairman Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

Hertsmere reply: including FAQ from the Environment Agency

Environmental Health

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Your Ref: My Ref: Tel: Email: Date:

your address

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gavin.burns@hertsmere.gov.uk

6 October 2017

Dear Ann Goddard

Reviva Composting Limited and Woodcock Hill Farm

Thank you for your recent letter. Reviva Composting Limited was served with an odour abatement notice on 9 December 2015 with only one requirement which was simply to abate the nuisance within 90 days. The site operators appealed the notice in the Magistrates Court and it was amended by the presiding District Judge to the following:

YOU ARE REQUIRED to prevent the recurrence of the statutory nuisance as soon as is reasonably practicable by taking the following steps:

1. to submit a full planning application to the relevant planning authority, being Hertfordshire County Council, to extend the existing building at the Reviva Composting site, Elstree Hill South, Elstree, Hertfordshire, in order to house green waste recycling activities, by no later than 30 September 2016;

2. to use your best endeavours to secure the grant of planning consent in accordance with the application, including making such reasonable amendments to the scheme as may be required by the relevant planning authority in order to secure the grant of permission and such revisions to be submitted to the relevant planning authority within 28 days of the relevant planning authority's suggestion, and to pursue any necessary appeals;
3. if planning consent is granted, to complete all necessary works and to bring the new building into operation within 12 months of the date of consent;
4. pending the grant of planning consent and the completion of the building, to use your best endeavours to comply with the written Odour Management Plan for the site as submitted to the Environment Agency in accordance with the Environmental Permit.

Steps 1 to 3 are enforceable by Hertsmere Borough Council but step 4 falls outside of the Council's remit. Compliance with the odour management plan is the responsibility of the primary regulator of the site, the Environment Agency.

The site operators made a planning application which was due to be heard by Hertfordshire County Council on 22 March 2017. The application was withdrawn the day before due, the company says, to the number of objections to the application. The company has since entered into a contract with the Environment Agency for 24 hours of pre-application advice to ensure that when the planning application is re-submitted the objections made by the Environment Agency on the original application will no longer be relevant. Hertsmere Borough Council has sought advice from its Legal Services department who say that the arrangement between the Environment Agency and the site operators must be concluded before any consideration can be made for prosecuting the site operators for failing to make a planning application and hence failing to comply with the statutory notice served by the Council. Hertsmere Borough Council has also been approached by the site operators (last week) with a view to addressing the objections made by Hertsmere Borough Council on the original application and a meeting will take place in the week commencing 16 October 2017. Once that meeting has taken place there should be no impediment to a fresh planning application being made as soon as the pre-application consultation with the Environment Agency has been concluded and we shall be seeking clarification from the Environment Agency to that effect.

As you can see from the wording of the amended nuisance abatement notice the Council is no longer responsible for directly addressing the odour nuisance and is tasked with ensuring that steps 1 to 3 are

complied with. In the mean-time all complaints of odour arising from the Reviva site must be reported to the Environment Agency Incident Hotline on 0800 807060.

I have attached a Reviva FAQ from the Environment Agency for you information.

With regard to Woodcock Hill Farm. This farm is operated on a tenancy from Hertfordshire County Council by an individual who is one of the Reviva directors but the farm is otherwise not connected to Reviva Composting Limited. They had, until last weekend, been bringing the finished product up from the Reviva site to Woodcock Hill Farm where they are spreading it on the fields known as Deacons Hill Open Space which are to the rear of the farm. These fields are owned by Hertfordshire County Council. The spreading of compost is common agricultural practice. However, myself and my colleague Amanda Hughes visited the site on 28 September 2017 and have made enquires with the County Council and the Environment Agency to determine respectively whether or not the fields are designated agricultural land and whether or not best practice is being employed in view of our observations during the site visit. My colleague Amanda is currently reading through guidance from DEFRA on good agricultural practice for farmers and the use of biodegradable waste.

There is likely to be further spreading of compost at Woodcock Hill Farm in the near future and the Council will use its powers to curtail the activities if odour nuisance is caused in the absence of using best practice.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Burns

Principal Environmental Health Officer

FAQ from the Environment Agency

Reviva Composting Limited

1. **Who is the regulator responsible for Reviva?**
2. **What does a waste site need?**
3. **What is the Environment Agency's role?**
4. **How does a composting site work?**
5. **What types of waste can Reviva accept?**
6. **What is considered an offensive odour?**
7. **How to report an incident**
8. **How do you investigate odour reports?**
9. **What if you find a waste site is causing odour problems?**
10. **Are there any known health impacts of the odour?**
11. **What are the operational hours of the site?**
12. **Are vehicle movements restricted?**
13. **Do Hertfordshire County Council or Hertsmere Borough Council use the Reviva Composting site?**

1. Who is the Regulator responsible for Reviva?

The Environment Agency is the primary regulator for the composting site. We issued Reviva Composting Limited an Environmental Permit and we inspect the site and assess compliance against the conditions detailed in the Environmental Permit.

Hertfordshire County Council, as the waste authority in Hertfordshire, granted the site planning permission in 2011.

2. What does a waste site need?

A waste facility should have planning permission and an environmental permit to operate lawfully.

Applications for planning permission and environment permits are considered separately by different organisations, although they may be consultees on each other's applications. The waste authority, which in Hertfordshire is the County Council, determines and issues planning applications for waste operations. The planning process determines whether the development is an acceptable use of land and considers a broad range of matters such as location, visual impact and traffic. Within this planning permission, planning conditions control opening hours and vehicle movements.

The Environment Agency issues and enforces environmental permits. An environmental permit gives the

permit holder permission to carry out certain types of waste activities at a specified location. It sets conditions, which if followed, will protect the environment and people's health. Reviva Composting Ltd permit allows them to compost green waste and wooden pallets.

3. What is the Environment Agency's role?

We inspect the composting site to ensure the permit holder is complying with their permit. We carry out announced and unannounced site visits. We check the waste types and quantities the operator is accepting, and their monitoring information. We also carry out inspections off site to assess whether any odour is escaping the site.

Our role is limited to regulating activities covered by an environmental permit. If we detect an odour that cannot be attributed to the operations at Reviva, we will pass this to Environmental Health in Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC). We are working with HBC to investigate other sources of odour in the area.

4. How does the composting site work?

Waste sites create a compost material by taking in green waste, such as leaves and grass, and allowing it to decompose under controlled conditions. At Reviva, waste is transported into the site from a range of sources, including kerbside green waste collections. This material is shredded in the open to get it to a similar size to help the composting process. This is then stored outside for a maximum of 5 days before being moved into the building. Inside the building the operator will put the shredded green waste into a pile called a windrow. The operator records where each waste load comes from, the tonnage and what type of waste it is. They should also keep track of which windrow each waste load is put in. This makes it easier to trace the source of any odorous loads.

The operator monitors the moisture and temperature of the windrows to ensure the compost remains at optimum conditions for decomposing. In order to increase the air circulation and prevent the compost from becoming anaerobic, the operator regularly turns the windrowed waste. Disturbing compost or waste that has become anaerobic can generate odour. The turning also prevents the material getting too hot. The whole process, from the waste material coming on to site to final compost can take between 8-12 weeks. Windrows are approximately 8 metres wide, 4 metres high, and approximately 25 metres in length. In our experience it is possible for a compost site to produce minimal odour if it is managed correctly.

5. What types of waste can Reviva accept?

The permit for the composting facility allows a range of organic waste including different forms of wood such as cork, bark, sawdust, paper, cardboard, waste from markets (biodegradable only) and garden waste. The operator has chosen to only accept garden waste (tree cuttings, grass, bushes etc) and some paper pellets.

6. What is considered an offensive odour?

There is no legal definition of an offensive odour. The offensiveness of an odour is subjective. Certain smells can offend some people while others are not offended by that same smell, as some people are more sensitive to odour than others.. We would expect a composting operation like Reviva to produce intermittent low-levels of an earthy smell. This could be compared to opening a bag of compost for the garden. We would not consider this odour offensive. We would consider odour associated with anaerobic compost or sewage offensive. However, we do not expect Reviva to generate this type of smell. Reviva do not use manure in their compost. If we do identify offensive odour coming from a site and the operator is not complying with their permit, we will take appropriate enforcement action.

7. How to report an incident

If you believe odour is coming from the site and you consider it offensive then please contact our free Incident Hotline on 0800 80 70 60. The incident hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is very important that we receive complaints when there is an offensive odour present in order to allow us build a picture of what is happening on the site. It is also important that the information we receive from complainants is detailed and accurate and that we receive it as soon as possible so that our actions have the most effect.

Please note that issues relating to planning, traffic and vehicle movements are outside the remit of the Environment Agency. Please contact Hertfordshire County Council Planning Enforcement Team for these issues on 0300 123 4040

We are not able to attend all incidents reported to us. However, we log all incidents that are reported to us. We do review all amenity (dust, noise, and odour) complaints made about the sites we regulate. The information we receive is considered as part of our ongoing regulation of the site. That way, we can build up a picture of what activities are being carried out on site, which in turn, helps us to target our inspections.

8. How do you investigate odour reports?

When we receive a report of odour, we will initially look at wind direction in relation to the waste site and where the odour was reported. We can then contact the site operators to see what activities they are carrying out. If we visit an area where a report has been made, we initially go upwind of the site to see if the odour is coming from beyond the site. We will then head downwind of the site and/or to the complainant's location. If we believe a waste site is the most likely source of odour then we will visit the site and try to find what activity is causing the odour. The number of reports we receive does not necessarily impact on how we respond to an incident. For example, if we receive numerous reports but

they are upwind of a waste site we regulate, then it is likely the source is elsewhere. We would then refer the reporters on to the local authority to investigate. The local authority has a duty to investigate nuisance complaints from sites which are not operating under an environmental permit.

9. What if you find a waste site is causing odour problems?

If we can prove a waste site we regulate is causing odour problems, we would consider this a breach of the operator's permit and tell them to address the problem by an agreed deadline. If the operator fails to take action, we may issue an enforcement notice. If the permit breaches continue, we may consider revoking their permit. Revocation is a serious step which we would only do in the most extreme circumstances and when we have exhausted all other ways to solve the problem. It would mean loss of the business and the employees could lose their jobs. In the last financial year, we have revoked 19 permits in the Hertfordshire and North London area. Of these, 16 revocations were due to non-payment of fees or the operator abandoned the site and 3 were due to ongoing permit breaches.

10. Are there any known health impacts of the odour?

We are not aware of any health risks associated with odour from composting sites. The odours generated by aerobic composting activities are from natural processes that occur wherever there is decomposing vegetation. This is not restricted to waste sites and would for instance also occur in garden compost piles or woodlands.

11. What are the operational hours of the site?

The operational hours are part of the planning restrictions Hertfordshire County Council enforces. The site can be open between 6am to 6:30pm Monday to Friday and 6am to 1pm on Saturdays.

12. Are vehicle movements restricted?

The planning permission restricts the vehicle movements to up to 200 vehicle movements a day (100in / 100out).

13. Do Hertfordshire County Council or Hertsmere Borough Council use the Reviva Composting site?

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) or Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) do not have a contract with the Reviva Composting site and the site has not been used for any contingency arrangements by other contracted suppliers.