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| AFFCO IMLAY  **COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING – MARCH 2024** |
| Date of Meeting: 27.03.24**Present: Walid Mahmoud - Imlay Plant Manager (WM); Ricky Gowan - Imlay Compliance Manager (RG);** **Barbara Allan (BA); Graham Pearson (GP); Pita Kinaston – Horizons (PK); Stephen Bryson (SB); Lonia Sarniak (LS).****Apologies :-**  |
| **ACTIONS AGREED:** |
| **Subject** | **Action** |
| Topics of Discussion and Agreed Actions | **Meeting Agenda:-** * Review 2023 CLG Meeting Minutes;
* Odour Complaint Trending;
* Points of Interest;
* Odour Complaint Register 2023 / 2024 period.

Minutes:-RG:- Tabled meeting agenda. Covered the outstanding issue from the 2023 CLG Meeting. Discussed current odour complaint trends. Emphasised the fact that odour complaints were down 50% on the previous reporting period. Good gains made. Only 1 substantiated odour complaint for the period to date.BA:- Agreed that results were pleasing, however the ultimate target is zero complaints and that the company should be striving to achieve this. Imlay reps were in agreeance with this. SB / LS:- Raised the issue that there was a constant odour issue throughout January. Although they did not lay a complaint, they stated that particularly on calm days, Imlay rendering odours were constant. Imlay reps stated that there was nothing out of the ordinary during this period and suggested that a complaint is made so odour investigations can take place. SB raised a question if there was a known measurement factor that the number of odour complaints received could be calculated resulting in an adjusted ‘actual’ tally. PK – Horizons – stated that there is no known factor in existence. BA also backed this statement up as she had also done research on this subject.SB:- Questioned PK on the FIDOL odour assessment procedure. PK explained what the acronym FIDOL stands for, plus the odour assessment approach and associated parameters such as:- General Hedonic Tone; Plume Width; Scale of Intensity; Wind Velocity and Wind Direction. RG stated that he would drop off a blank form to SB so he could familiarise himself with those parameters ***(RG to action – completed 28.03.24)***. SB also made a suggestion that Horizons should do a leaflet drop off in the neighbourhood explaining the definition of ‘objectionable odours’. (NOTE:- There is a definition on the reverse side of the FIDOL Assessment Form).SB:- Asked the Imlay reps if an investigation was carried out on ‘unsubstantiated odour complaints’, as to the source of the odour, as well as daily monitoring on rendering odour performance. RG responded that yes an upwind assessment is carried out to ascertain if the odour originated from businesses west of Imlay. RG also stated that daily routine monitoring is carried out within Imlay’s boundary fence. RG stated that other businesses were a source of odours, such as the new composting site next to the Council pump station. Horizons were unaware of this composting business. GP stated the composting company is ‘Easy Earth’ composting, which collects household and commercial food scraps. They are also contracted to process all WDC owned buildings food scraps. Easy Earth have been a source of odours recently. WM:- stated that Imlay gets the blame for all odours within the area. A lot of it is to do with historical performance. SB:- Stated that Open Country produced the most odours. SB asked Horizons if Open Country had a consent that they had to comply with. PK responded ‘yes’. Suggested that if SB had concerns that he should contact Horizons via the Pollution Hotline.BA:- stated that Imlay’s consent is coming up for renewal and that if anyone has an issue, they should submit their concerns. BA also requested that Imlay upload the complaints register on the website each time a complaint is made. ***(RG to action)***.Meeting closed 18:40. Thanks to all those who attended. |