



Meeting:	Denbighshire, Community Group Meeting
Date:	Wednesday 14th November 5.00pm – 7pm
Venue:	Ruthin, Denbighshire
Region:	North Wales
Hyder Staff :	Sarahjane Widdowson, David Elphick, Rhys Roberts
Other :	Alan Roberts (Denbighshire CC), Martha Savage (Denbighshire CC) Mandy Langstaff (EA)

Minutes:

Q= Question

C= Comment

A= Answer

Q – “How can we separate recycling/composting waste from other waste if collections of recycling material in rural areas of North Wales (NW) are not maintained?”

Q – “Who is going to pay for the various facilities outlined in the strategy?”

A – “The facilities are likely to be a combination of Local Authority and privately funded projects.”

Q – “How do we know that the NW region is over its limit for landfill waste?”

A – “NW is not over its limit at present, but as waste increases the target is likely to be exceeded in approximately 2010.”

Q – “Is there any European funding for new initiatives?”

A – “Not really, the most likely source of funding will be through PFI as mentioned previously.”

C – “Savings on landfill tax should be utilised to finance new facilities.”

C – “There should be more pressure on manufacturers to reduce their packaging on goods and food”

Q – “Where does hazardous waste from NW go presently?”

A – “To landfill sites in the northwest of England.”

Q – “you have referred to the production of gas and it’s use for energy production in the new technologies outlined, but what is being done, or can be done, about existing landfill sites that currently emit gases [such as methane] which is not being utilised?”

Q – “Methane capturing from landfill is not as effective as specialist facilities”

Q – “from a transport point of view are railways being considered when it comes to the potential siting of new facilities?”

Q – “Is it possible that the outcome [of the consultation] could employ more than one type of technology, and do the different technologies vary in their scale i.e. in the amount of ‘feedstock’ they need?”



C – “having small-scale facilities at a local level would encourage the public to take ownership of their waste, as opposed to a large-scale remotely sited facility.”

Q - “old tyres are a major problem, both in agriculture and industry, are the new technologies capable of dealing with them?”

Q – “to what extent can the sites identified for siting new facilities be sub-divided for several, smaller facilities?”

A – “it will depend on the technology identified for the site and the need for handling facilities as the technologies are not necessarily modular in design.”

C – “due to the large areas of designated sites in NW, it naturally means that rural sites will entail higher transport mileage for waste collection.”

Q – “you have talked about transport and moving waste but has the railway been considered, for example, reinstating rural rail lines in order to transport waste to larger facilities?”