



Meeting:	Gwynedd, Community Group Meeting
Date:	Tuesday 6th November 3.30pm – 5pm
Venue:	Gwynedd, Plas-Tan-y-Bwlch
Region:	North Wales
Hyder Staff :	Emma Gowing, Georgina Taubman
Other :	Tim Owen (EA), Dafydd Gareth Jones (Gwynedd Council)

Minutes:

Q= Question

C= Comment

A= Answer

C – “the report makes no mention of reducing waste – we need to put more emphasis on the reduction of waste even before we consider recycling and composting – people should be taught to reduce before they produce waste in the 1st place”

C – “I agree, reduction of waste is important”

A – “Hyder agrees that reduction is very important however the RWP review is not about reduction it is about what to do with the residual waste – issues such as the 3R’s is being considered in the Waste Strategy.”

C - “the RWP report does not highlight which technology costs the most” ***Hyder sent email to Mr Watts on 8th Nov explaining that the costs are in a table on page 22 of the document***

C – “This is a consultation document – and we (the community group) welcomes the opportunity to have an input into the consultation.”

C – “There is a concern that if a particular area reaches a consensus on a particular residual waste technology then the local authority may take advantage of this”

A – “Local Authorities will use the feedback to try and identify where to place technology options and facilities.”

Q – “How does the % data on page 9&10 (of the RWP Consultation doc) compare with now, i.e. how much emphasis is being placed on reducing these amounts of waste?”

Q–“regarding Caravan Parks etc – how can we make visitors aware of our waste treatment/management facilities?”

A – “(Gwynedd Council) are not sure how much waste is currently produced by these places – this is an interesting point and the council may need to look into this.”

Q – “I have noticed that no waste facilities have been suggested in the National Park – what about the agricultural waste that is produced in these areas – this sort of waste should be dealt with locally. “We should be dealing with waste locally – why isn’t the National Park Area included? – We could have small, local solutions to waste in those areas.”

C - “We have an initiative in our area where local farmers pool their silage wrap waste and one lorry comes to this central point to collect it for recycling.”



Q – “Will these waste treatment options be large scale facilities? – What about the development of very small (local) scale facilities, these could even be developed within the National Park. Has anyone considered small scale facilities which would benefit the local community?”

C – “On the other hand some farmers may have commercial interest in setting up their own composting facilities.”

A – “as the EA are responsible for the enforcement of waste facilities and permits there are lots of things happening out there, we all need to be more forward thinking about treating waste, we need someone to take responsibility for waste treatments and their management .”

Q – “Does this RWP consider waste crossing the borders?”

A – “we need to treat waste spacially, rather than within our own borders according to the most efficient/effective way of treating that waste including how it is handled and transported.”

C – “we won’t respond to the RWP consultation survey as a group but instead respond separately according to the organisations we represent.”