



Meeting:	Wrexham, Community Group Meeting
Date:	Tuesday 30th October 2pm – 4pm
Venue:	Wrexham Civic offices
Region:	North Wales
Hyder Staff :	Victoria Bond, SarahJane Widdowson, Georgina Taubman
Other :	Wynford Roberts (Wrexham CBC), Ann Weedy (EA)

Minutes:

Q= Question

C= Comment

A= Answer

Q – “Will the strategy encourage improvements in home recycling? – it feels like more material types could be recycled”

A - “This strategy deals with what we do with the residual waste not how to encourage more recycling”

Q – “What happens to the compost that is not sold”

A - “Some LA’s use compost on parks and gardens in area, on landfill restoration projects and for landscaping”

C - “Wrexham needs to provide more public facilities composting materials”

Q - “who made the decision to allow Liverpool to dump their waste into Wrexham (re: Hafod Quarry landfill) – especially if landfill void is limited in Wales?”

A - Explained that sometimes waste needs to be taken cross border and that Wales also transports some of its waste into England for disposal.

Q - “Will the strategy improve kerbside collection of materials and the quality of those materials collected?”

A - “Wrexham’s KS materials are clean separated at the KS”

C - “manufacturers make all the waste that occurs at home i.e. packaging waste – home owners are not at fault, manufacturers need to be pressurised into creating less packaging for their products”

C - “The consultation should place pressure on the government to put legislation in place to tackle packaging”

C - “When we start charging for waste disposal people will become more interested”

C - “ re EfW “this technology is flawed – it produces dangerous emissions e.g. CO2, and toxic bottom and fly ash – we should not support the development of more EfW plants as they do not work properly and they cause pollution”



A - "PPC legislation makes more stringent drivers for technology to improve – technology is improving all the time – we need to carry on considering EfW as a waste treatment option –we must not dismiss it based on older technology."

C - "I have seen EfW working effectively in Industry"

Q - "Do all EfW facilities require plastics in the waste mix?"

A - "Not necessarily"

A - "There are plants in the area that do not have plastic waste"

Q - re: MBT/BMT "what evidence is available to show MBT works?"

A - "There are many examples of MBT facilities that are clean and efficient with very low emission levels in the UK and Europe" details of these were requested.

Q - "What do other EU countries do with their waste?"

A - Hyder have looked at these – generally some EU countries e.g. Sweden have higher recycling rates and use CHP for residual waste; others e.g. Greece have a lower recycling rate and are still dependant on landfill.

Q - "Have we considered dumping waste at sea?"

Q - "What is the cost to industry per tonne to landfill?"

A - Average cost is between £40-60 per tonne – more for hazardous wastes and this cost is increasing.

Q - "How does Wales planning tie in with England? i.e. how are Merseyside addressing their waste production?"

A - "The Hafod landfill site also takes waste from Wales – Wales sends its hazardous waste to England to be landfilled."

C - "Liverpool is facing the same recycling targets as Wales so waste production there should start to decrease in the future"

C - "Planning is such a complex issue – Hyder should be talking about these issues to the local planning teams so they understand the issues"

A - Explained that meetings are currently being held with all Welsh Authority Planning teams and Councillors -led by RPS

Q - "What happens with all of the opinions and comments raised today"

A - "All comments will be compiled and fed back to the Regional Waste groups by January 2008 – the final report will be available from June 2008."

C - "We need to consider Incineration as part of the (waste) solution"

C - "Charges for HH waste disposal will increase flytipping"



Q - "How big should these new waste facilities be? – when one LA goes ahead and plans for their own waste planning goes through quickly (compared with regional planning applications) – we should deal with our own wastes – small is beautiful".

C - "Council tax incentives should be made to encourage people to recycle more"

A - explained some LA's plans to implement 'Pay as you Throw' initiatives