

South West Devon Waste Partnership

Communications and Community Engagement Report **May 2012 – July 2012**

This report provides a summary of project related communication activities and written queries made between May 2012 and July 2012.

The opposition group PlymWin applied for a Judicial Review of Plymouth City Council's planning application approval in late March 2012 and this application has since been considered by the High Court and the Court of Appeal where the application has been refused. On the 11th July, PlymWIN announced they had abandoned this application but were considering other avenues.

Opposition activity seems to have been focused on PlymWin's legal proceedings over the last quarter and one complaint has been received relating to MVV's site construction activity and site clearance, which was resolved.

1. Communication activities

- The Incinerator Liaison Committee (ILC) meetings have continued 6 weekly although public membership has declined and recent meetings have not been quorate – new public members are being sought. Meetings are attended by representatives from SWDWP, MVV and the Ministry of Defence and continue to provide a liaison and communication forum now that construction has started on site.
- MVV's appointed Community Liaison Manager, Jane Ford has been interviewed by the Plymouth Herald on her role as Community Liaison Manager and how she intends to keep the local community informed and involved in aspects of the project including the Community Trust.
- The Partnership attended a round table discussion meeting organised by the Weston Morning News in June and have contributed a short editorial article about the project for a Green Guide focusing on waste/environmental/sustainability issues. This Green Guide should be published in August.

2 Summary of written queries received

One written enquiry has been received and responded to by the partnership. This was regarding the solution and environmental, visual, safety, traffic and economic issues.

The Partnership has received and responded to one Freedom of Information request relating to the Contract between MVV and the SWDWP Councils.

3. Media Enquiries and Liaison

Media liaison has been relatively quiet of late, with enquiries directed mostly at MVV and the judicial process. Activity has therefore been limited to the occasional reactive response.

A feature has been drafted for the Western Morning News Green Guide.