

20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Statement to Pewsey Area Board, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018, on the status of Everleigh HRC**

- Following on from the PAB on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 there has still not been any formal response to the question submitted prior to the meeting.
- PCAP/CPRE/PPC submitted further questions to the WC Cabinet meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed by Cabinet and the direction of Jane Scott that the continuous to-ing and fro-ing was not progressing the situation and not satisfying either parties. It was agreed that a meeting would be held with the Cabinet Member to resolve the status. Questions would be submitted prior to this meeting to aid the discussions. The area WC Councillors requested that they also attend.
- The meeting with PCAP and CPRE was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. A history of events covering the period since September 2015 was provided in advance along with a set of questions. This information was also provided to all the area WC Councillors. The questions and draft responses were discussed. The following is a snapshot of some of the status advised:
  - The drainage system that was installed at Everleigh in 1996 was not installed in accordance with the original design.
  - There has been no maintenance carried out at Everleigh and as a consequence the shortfall in drainage was not discovered until the recent surveys were conducted as part of the changeover of contractors.
  - The original Environmental Agency permit covered a much reduced set of recyclable items. As a consequence the installed drainage system would have been adequate. The level of recycling has grown which at the time of contract transfer has highlighted the potential risk.
  - The original contract with Hills was written at a much higher level than contracts now issued by WC. However, under the Hills contract they may be some liability for Hills to pay for some of the recovery of the site but the majority of the liability would fall to WC.
- PCAP/CPRE/PPC have still not received a formal response to the questions submitted for this meeting.
- The area WC Councillors have held a separate meeting with the Cabinet Member on 10<sup>th</sup> May. No feedback on this meeting has been provided.

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PCAP Member