

## LEZIATE PLANT SITE – TRAFFIC MEETING

### Notes of meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Attendees:	Mr. Bramwell	Leziate Parish Council
	Mr. Mathias	Leziate Parish Council
	Mr. L. Jones	Parishioner
	Mr. M. Wiles	Middleton Parish Council
	Mr. T. Hewitt	Middleton Parish Council
	Mr. R. Barnett	Leziate Parish Council
	Mr. M. Hurley	Sibelco
	Mr. A. Smith	Sibelco

A Smith advised that about 50 to 60% of HGVs using Leziate plant site are contracted to Sibelco, the balance are supplied by customers.

L. Jones advised that some lorries come through Middleton and park up or wash out at depot next door to the plant site.

Mr. Mathias asked if there a prescribed route for HGV's  
A Smith advised that there is no prescribed route.

M. Wiles asked if Sibelco has a list of regular hauliers?

M Hurley advised that a list has been provided to Middleton Parish Council clerk.

A Smith noted that the regular contracted hauliers accounting for most despatches from the site are:

Roger Warnes – King's Lynn based  
Simon Gibson – Goole based (but using Roger Warnes King's Lynn depot)  
Hargreaves Services – Durham based  
Bulmans (working for Hargreaves)

Trevor Hewitt said that on 16<sup>th</sup> November at 09.40 there was a speeding lorry (Sweetman?) in Fair Green. Mr Hewitt phoned the company and spoke to someone, but has subsequently had no response (01889 270710 Darren Taylor).

Mr Hewitt said there is damage to Hill Road. There has been a meeting with Andy Wallace (Norfolk Highways). Some repairs have been undertaken but in Mr Hewitt's view there are deep seated problems.

Mr Jones noted that many HGV's approach the processing site via Hill Road but also a lot of HGVs go out via Hill Road also.

Mr. Wiles asked if the Parish Council could have contact details for hauliers.

A Smith said that Sibelco has a level of influence with the hauliers which we contract. We have somewhat less influence with hauliers contracted by customers. But the Company will take issues by any haulier seriously. A Smith would prefer if residents and Parish Councillors reported any issues to Sibelco. While the difficulties are understood, in order to seek to take effective action, the company ideally needs registration numbers; what happened; time; which haulier.

Mr Jones said the Company should build a private road to the B1145.  
Mr Hurley advised that there are several third party owners in this area.

Mr. Bramwell asked if more tonnes could be put more on rail.

A Smith advised that rail despatches have increased substantially in past years but many customers are not rail connected which is why a proportion needs to be sent by road.

Mr Hewitt reiterated that road damage and road noise are bad. He noted frequent speeding and poor air quality. Middleton Parish Council has put up vehicle activated speed signs which do have a positive effect when deployed but there are not many available and need to be moved after about three weeks to alternative locations.

A Smith said that the Company can, and does, instruct our contracted hauliers on matters such as speed; braking; driving standards. A Smith will write to the contracted hauliers following this meeting.

Mr Hewitt said that from his point of view everything about Sibelco operations is fine except the lorries.

Mr Wiles asked what can we do about volume and routing of HGV's

A Smith said that the Company is already prioritising rail deliveries when possible. As for routing, the company can remind drivers that either a left turn or a right turn can be made onto Station Road departing the processing site but once onto the highway drivers are able to choose their own route to destination.

Mr Mathias summarized that Sibelco has influence on contractors / their sub-contractors and to a degree with customers hauliers. Sibelco will write to hauliers and remind them and their drivers of considerate driving. Parish Councils will email Sibelco weekly, or as required, with issues.

A Smith said that Sibelco will advise all hauliers of notified concerns while seeking to identify repeat problems and concentrate on those. We will feedback.

M Hurley will provide an email address to the Parish clerks in order to raise any driving concerns.



**Post meeting note:**

Middleton and Leziate Parish clerks have been advised that any HGV related issues should be notified to Sibelco via the following e-mail address:

[Nicola.cole@sibelco.com](mailto:Nicola.cole@sibelco.com)

If possible detailing the issue, location, time and ideally vehicle registration number and haulier name. Sibelco will follow up all matters notified to us and refer back to the Parish Council/resident.

A letter has been sent to our hauliers to remind all drivers of their responsibilities on the public highway generally and in the vicinity of the Leziate site in particular.

**Copies to:**

**Attendees**

Middleton and Leziate Parish Clerks

County Councillor: Graham Middleton

Borough Councillors: Alistair Beales; Peter Gidney; Baljinder Anota