

## **Company statement**

Friday 9th February

### **Temporary suspension of waste inputs at Clayton Hall Landfill**

Quercia Limited fully recognises the need to accelerate the rate at which the odour issue is rectified at Clayton Hall Landfill site and the company had already ceased accepting inputs of waste following a meeting with the Environment Agency on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and prior to the Enforcement Notice being served.

Whilst the odour is not a result of new waste being tipped at the site, the decision will enable all the company's resources to focus on rectifying the situation.

The new gas infrastructure required to capture the escaping landfill gas has been connected to the existing network and gas is now being drawn off from the affected area. The rate of extraction will continue to be increased in a controlled manner, in order to avoid safety issues resulting from drawing oxygen into the waste.

The company however recognises that the gas extraction and cover that has been applied is not reducing the odour as quickly as anticipated. As a result, Quercia has submitted a plan to the Environment Agency for the installation of a plastic cap, which will cover and seal the affected area. Preparation work is already underway, and the material will be delivered to site this week.

Quercia would like to reiterate its unreserved apology to local residents and reinforce the company's commitment to stopping the odour as soon as possible.