

Clayton Hall Landfill – October 2020 Site Update

Since the last site update in July, there have been 4 complaints during Q3 2020 (as of 28/09/2020). These were received via the Environment Agency.

Month	Number of complaints
July	2
August	1
September (to date)	1
Total	4

Nature	Number of complaints	
Odour	3*	* 3 complaints where the wind was in a different direction to that of complainant.
Other	1	3 complaints not possible to have emanated from site due to factors mentioned above.
Total	4	

Month	Date	Amount	Nature	Complainant Location	Wind direction (blowing to) *
July	27/7/20	1	other	West	N/A
	31/7/20	1	odour	North North-West	West North-West
Total July		2			
Month	Date	Amount	Nature	Complainant Location	Wind direction (blowing to) *
August	18/8/20	1	odour	West North-West	North
Total August		1			
Month	Date	Amount	Nature	Complainant Location	Wind direction (blowing to)
Sept	16/9/20	1	Odour	South South-West	Sporadic but not in direction of complainant
Total Sept (to date)		1	*Wind direction at time of detection detailed by complaint		

Total	4
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All complaints have been thoroughly investigated in accordance with Neales Waste Management/Quercia's procedures.

As part of the company's investigations, we continue to utilise the on-site weather station which is serviced and calibrated by an external company.

Due to various factors, the complaints were considered not to have emanated from the site and the results of all investigations have been reported to the EA in the line with our procedures.

Regular inspections for odour, birds etc. at the site boundaries are still being undertaken by the company. Typically, these are carried out by a member of staff undertaking the daily environmental monitoring activities to ensure compliance with Government guidance on Covid -19 controls including social distancing etc

Daily checks continue to be made for landfill gas odour, particularly around the full extent of the temporary capped area and site's deep well locations.

The EA have also been able conducted a recent site inspection (09/09/2020). The EA were escorted around the entire site and shown the recent further improvements which have been made to the site such as the capping of 3C and areas of 3B and on-going engineering works.

Monthly waste inputs have remained at the same level as the previous quarter. On average, inputs are approx. 900 -1000 tonnes per week. This is due to ongoing impact of the UK Government lockdown measures to manage the Coronavirus epidemic which has reduced waste generation as many businesses have reduced activity or remain closed. Restoration soils deliveries are not included in these input figures.

The company will continue to decline opportunities of additional potentially odorous waste inputs due to the potential of these wastes producing odours which could have an impact off site.

Techniques for dispersing scavenging birds; bird kite, scarecrows, audible distress calls (fitted to landfill machines) and gas cannon continue to be utilised to prevent on site issues however, there are currently very low numbers of birds residing on site. We will continue to use less aggressive dispersal methods to reduce the number of scavenging birds moving towards the local population. We will continue to monitor these methods to ensure they continue to have a positive impact.

The odour suppression unit continues to run during site operational hours as a minimum.

The capping and restoration of cell 3B/C is currently being completed as the placement of restoration soils commenced in August. The work recommenced in early June and we continue to use a small team from an experienced local company to undertake this work under full Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) standards and controls by our technical consultants. The use of a local company allows for effective social distancing etc both travelling to and working on site as localised control measures change.

The works to construct a further tipping cell in the southern part of the site commenced in August with excess soils being moved onto areas 3A and B for cap protection/restoration. The initial work is being undertaken by a local earthworks contractor under full CQA standards. We hope to complete this work in October 2020.

The capping and construction works do not require any excavations into previously tipped areas of the site and we do not expect any issues which could impact local residents.

Improvements continue to be made to the site, its operations and system procedures to ensure the Company's obligations under its permits and planning permissions are met.

On 15 September the regional newspapers reported that there had been a fire at Neales Waste Management at Stanley Street, Blackburn. This is incorrect as we sold this site in March 2018 and it has been operated by CSG Recovery and not by Neales Waste Management since then.

We would be grateful if you would contact the Company in the first instance should you wish to report an issue or complaint on 01257 273311. However, if you prefer to contact the Environment Agency please do so on 0800 80 70 60.

Under normal circumstances the company would welcome residents to visit the site and would be happy to escort residents around the site so they can see the site, the progression and improvements which have been made. However, due to government advice in relation to COVID-19, all non-essential visitors to site are being asked to refrain from attending site.

In relation to site operations and COVID-19, the company wishes to assure all residents that operations are being carried out as normal. Operatives are continuing to work on the landfill, while complying with UK Government social distancing and hygiene guidance, to ensure that site is managed in line with company procedures and practices. The company has systems in place to ensure that critical operations can continue as planned.