

## Clayton Hall Landfill – October 2021 Site Update

Since the last site update in July, there has been 1 complaint during Q3 2021 (as of 04/10/2021). This was received from the Environment Agency.

Month	Number of complaints
July	0
August	0
September	1
Total	1

Nature	Number of complaints
Odour	1
Other	0
Total	1

Month	Date	Amount	Nature	Complainant Location	Wind direction (blowing to) *
July	-	-	-	-	-
Total July		0			
Month	Date	Amount	Nature	Complainant Location	Wind direction (blowing to) *
August	-	-	-	-	-
Total August		0			
Month	Date	Amount	Nature	Complainant Location	Wind direction (blowing to) *
September	17/9/21	1	Odour	North North-West	West North-West
Total September		1	<b>*Wind direction at time of detection detailed by complaint</b>		

Total	0
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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.

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.

Monthly waste inputs are lower than the previous quarter. On average, inputs are approx. 500 - 700 tonnes per week. This is due to the ongoing impact of the current national shortage of HGV drivers and the need for collection staff to self-isolate due to Covid which has resulted in increased co-collection of wastes. Restoration soil 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 continues to be very low numbers of birds residing on site. We continue to use less aggressive dispersal methods to reduce the number of scavenging birds moving towards the local population.

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

The placement of restoration soils has continued through the summer but deliveries of soils have been disrupted, unfortunately by the shortage of HGV drivers and impact of self-isolation on construction site activities. Areas where soil placement has been completed have been seeded. We have continued to use an experienced local company to undertake this work under full Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) standards and controls by our technical consultants.

The works to construct a further tipping cell in the southern part of the site has continued and the clay and plastic liners have been completed. The delivery of drainage stone has been disrupted by the shortage of HGV drivers but the cell will be completed in 2021. The work is being undertaken by the same local earthworks contractor and local specialist liner contractor used for the restoration works under full CQA standards.

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.

Since January 2021 one member of staff, has been diagnosed with Covid 19 which we understand was caught from a close family member. The employee has since recovered and returned to full duties.

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.

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 Health and Safety Executive business 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 HSE 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.**