

## Clayton Hall Landfill – February 2023 Site Update

### 1. Complaints and Control

Month	Number of complaints
November	0
December	0
January	15
Total	15

There were 0 complaints during Q4 2022. There were 15 complaints (mainly from the Higher/Spring Meadow area) in January and, in line with company procedure, all were investigated. The findings related to the dowsing of the cell face after localised hotspots were discovered using the thermal cameras installed after the incident in July 2022. As a result of the complaints received the site increased the use of odour suppression.

Work conducted at the entrance of the site by United Utilities to replace water pipes caused additional odours which the company reported to the EA.

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 in line with our permit conditions. Daily checks also continue to be made for landfill gas odour, particularly around the full extent of the temporary capped area and the deep well locations.

### 2 Site Update

As referred to above, hotspots were discovered on site on 18 December. As a result, the Lancashire Fire Service attended but left after two hours.



On 23 January investigations were started to try and establish the cause of the hotspots. Despite this investigation, which involved the Lancashire Fire Service and an expert in landfill management and landfill fires from the EA, the cause of the hotspots could not be found. One theory is that it could possibly have been caused by a lithium battery, perhaps from a discarded eCigarette.



As a result of the above activity, waste could not be accepted during January and some customers are now taking their waste elsewhere. The company is now actively seeking new customers to replace those it has lost.

The materials recycling facility (MRF) remains closed, but the business is now making plans to re-introduce recycling and recovery activities at the site and reduce the requirement for landfill generally. This will of course mean local job creation if successful.

*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.*