

Quercia Press Release – 16 02 24

The following is intended to provide an informative update for local residents with regard to the Clayton Hall Landfill Site.

Enforcement Process

We received a Temporary Stop Notice on Friday 26 January 2024. Due to an internal administrative error by Lancashire County Council, a Breach of Condition Notice was not issued at the same time. We received the Breach of Condition Notice late on Friday 2 February 2024.

National and County guidelines leading up to the serving of the Temporary Stop Notice were not correctly followed by Lancashire County Council. We have brought this to their attention in recent correspondence. Nevertheless, we fully understand our obligations to rectify the situation. Following the issuing of the Temporary Stop Notice, we were already taking all possible steps to ensure compliance even before the delayed Breach of Condition Notice was issued.

Action Taken By Quercia

Prior to the serving of the enforcement notices, action had already been taken onsite to commence remediation works and reduce the height of the tipped waste. We set this out along with other proposals in an action plan submitted to Lancashire County Council and the Environment Agency before the Temporary Stop Notice was issued.

Of note are the following:

- Following practical requirements (e.g. movement orders), large earthmoving machinery arrived in the week after Temporary Stop Notice was issued. Work to reduce the waste commenced on 6 February 2024.
- So far we have assigned two excavators, a 80T dozer, a compacter and two dump trucks. This will continue in the coming weeks.
- As the volume of incoming waste has been reduced significantly, this has enabled more staff to deal with the waste material onsite and address all issues raised through the enforcement notices.

We continue to liaise with representatives from Lancashire County Council and the Environment Agency to expand on our plans and to demonstrate the progress we have made.

We attended a local liaison group meeting on the 7 February 2024 and explained the actions taken to date.

The Environment Agency – Action Plan and Latest Site Visit

A detailed action plan has been submitted to the Environment Agency.

The action plan covers all aspects of the site operation to move the waste and amongst other things, odour control. We understand that odour control has been a concern for local residents and that recently, complaints have been made to the Environment Agency regarding this matter.

We take all environmental matters very seriously including with respect to the potential risks of odour escape. As part of our thorough odour control process, we carry out a detailed assessment of wind direction and evaluate the potential odour escape. This is monitored on a daily basis. Extra odour suppression units have been deployed whilst we carry out the works and mobile units are moved dependant on wind direction. Exposed waste material is covered up before finishing each day to further reduce odour nuisances.

The Environment Agency are making regular visits and their last visit was undertaken on 14 February 2024. We are pleased to report that they were satisfied with the works taking place and the progress made so far onsite.