

Clayton Hall Landfill Site Community Update.

We have received further reports related to the Clayton Hall Landfill Site in January since the last update. Below is a summary of reports over December, January and the start of February.

Month	Number of reports	Types of report
December	15	Mainly Odour.
January	47	Mainly Odour
February (to 6 Feb)	2	Odour

Since the 16 January, we have completed compliance visits to both the Landfill Site and the recycling centre.

Our focus has been pressing the operator Quercia Limited to address overtipped waste on top of the landfill site. We met with the company at our office in Preston to express our concern. We have requested a plan from the company to remove the stockpile as quickly as possible. As the waste stockpile is moved, there will be an increased risk of odour. That plan must include the measures needed to reduce the risk of any odour within the community.

We have officers out within the community checking on levels of odour. We follow a preplanned route around the site. We will investigate the source of any odours, where we find unacceptable levels of odour coming from the site, we will use the appropriate regulatory powers to ensure that the operators fix the problem as soon as possible.

Quercia have assured us that they have sufficient properly engineered space within the landfill site to accept the stockpiled waste. We have asked them to focus on that waste and to stop accepting additional waste onto the landfill site except for the material needed to properly cover waste to help control odour and pests.

The recycling centre is operating and is accepting waste. Our recent inspection looked at how waste is accepted and how it is treated in line with the environmental permit. We are making sure that the analysis and testing of the waste is compliant. Waste should be processed within the building as it reduces the risk from dust and odour.

We are working closely with Lancashire County Council (LCC). LCC have taken action under planning controls to require Quercia Limited to reduce the height of the stockpiled waste. We are also making sure that we provide regular updates to Clayton Hall Landfill Liaison group and with other partner organisations e.g. Chorley Borough Council. Our next planned community update will be 20 February 2024.

6 February 2024

We will make the results of our compliance checks and monitoring public as soon as we can. People should contact NHS 111 or their GP if they have concerns about their individual circumstances and require health advice.

We encourage people to report odour to us at our 24-hour incident hotline on 0800 807060, this helps us to build up a picture of the extent and impact of the issue.