

## Clayton Hall Landfill site community update.

Over recent weeks we have recorded an increased number of reports of odour (15 in December and 36 in Jan so far) from Clayton Hall Landfill site. There are also reports of traffic issues and concerns raised about the heights of material on the site. We wanted to recognise that this indicates a change in the site operation that is potentially impacting residents.

Our focus is to make sure that the site operator Quercia take the right actions to minimise odour. We know that odour is very distressing for people, and it affects all aspects of wellbeing. We have increased our compliance inspection frequency of the site and will have additional officers in the community carrying out odour checks, so you may see some of our officers out and about in your area.

We are investigating the source of the odours, which we currently believe to be coming from waste being stockpiled on site. 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.

You will be aware that during the summer of 2022, the site experienced a large fire. Since that time, we have been on site looking at the repairs and engineering that have been put in place to remediate the new cell that was damaged. We are currently awaiting further information from Quercia to demonstrate that all the new tipping cell is of an acceptable standard. We need that assurance before we would allow the operator to fill the whole of that cell.

As part of our response, we will continue to talk to and work with relevant partners such as LCC and Chorley BC to resolve the issues and we will keep the community up to date with any developments. This includes making sure that we discuss reports around the height of material, traffic issues and potentially outside allowed working hours.

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.