Clayton Hall Landfill Site, Whittle le Woods

27 March 2018

Community Update

We inspected the Clayton Hall Landfill Site yesterday (26 March). The company has complied with the actions set out in the enforcement notice issued to them in February 2018. The specified area has been covered, sealed with new gas extraction measures operational. We have therefore withdrawn the enforcement notice.

We have identified a number of additional improvements that the company need to make. We require Quercia to put together an action plan by 5 April 2018 setting out how they will make improvements on site to further reduce odour along with clear timescales. This plan will need our approval. We have served an enforcement notice on the company to deliver some key short term improvements to improve landfill gas collection and maintenance.

As mentioned in the community update of 23 March, Quercia Ltd has agreed that it will not look to start accepting waste back onto the site until mid-April to allow for further monitoring of the odour. In addition, we have also told the company that it must make sure that before accepting waste they have controls in place to manage odour.

We will carry on measuring air quality over the next 3 weeks and continue to publish the results. If the results show that, overall, odour levels are high, we will take further action in response. If after 3 weeks there is a consistent reduction in odour we would look to stop the spot check monitoring. Our fixed monitoring will be in place until at least mid-May 2018.

Our spot air quality monitoring on Saturday evening showed there were high levels of odour from the site. Results since Sunday 25 March and yesterday showed levels are much lower and any smell that has been detected is dispersing quickly.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation on site and the company's progress with their improvement plan to reduce odour further. Further updates will continue to be provided via Citizen Space. Quercia Ltd has also set up the community liaison group which will continue to meet and which includes representatives from the local community. The group is meeting for the second time on 28 March.