

Jameson Road Landfill Site Community Update

Month	Number of reports	Types of report
May	525	Mainly Odour
June	171	Mainly Odour
July	259	Mainly Odour
August	117	Odour

Current Situation

We continue to deploy our officers to the community daily to carry out odour checks. During the most recent visits we have noted that there are odours from other locations away from Jameson Road Landfill. That has been described as a waste type odour. We continue to investigate these other sources of odour. We will provide more information on other sources of odour as soon as we can.

Regulatory enforcement

The suspension notice at Jameson Road was lifted on 19 August. We have taken this decision as we have assessed that all the conditions within the notice have been met. The operator, Transwaste, will be able to accept all waste types outlined in the permit.

This is not the end to our increased regulatory response. We will continue to monitor the activities on the site through a combination of frequent site inspections, drone flights and daily odour assessment to monitor activity and make sure that Transwaste meet the requirements of the permit and manage the risk from odour. We expect the operator to comply with all the permit conditions and we will seek to take further regulatory action if off site odour levels increase.

The purpose of the notice was to require the operator to undertake works on a specific area of the site that was believed to be producing the off-site odour which was impacting the community. The conditions or 'steps' of the notice required the operator to install temporary engineered capping on all uncapped areas in Cells 1, 2 & 5. The aim of the notice was to establish more robust control of landfill gas and reduce impact on the community.

A regulatory notice must be lifted when the conditions have been met. In this case, this work has now been completed by the operator to a satisfactory standard. We expect the operator to better plan and make sure that any site activity has clear focus on preventing impact on the community and also be transparent with residents about their work on site.

Landfills do occasionally experience short lived odour issues by the nature of their operations dealing with waste, however these would be infrequent and short duration. The odours and recent impact experienced by local residents as a result of the landfill operation was not acceptable.

Next Steps

We will continue to have regular meetings with Transwaste to discuss the actions they have been taking to provide assurance about landfill gas control. We have reiterated our message to hold them accountable for their performance. We also expect them to liaise effectively with partners and residents.

Our next regulatory focus will look at landfill gas procedures and waste acceptance procedures.

Ongoing Engagement & Communication

We will attend the next community liaison group meeting where we can update representatives of the community.

The community can access the most up to date information about Jameson Road on our webpage at <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/cumbria-and-lancashire/information-on-jameson-road-landfill-fleetwood/>