

# Jameson Road Landfill Site Community Update

Month	Number of reports	Types of report
February	75	Mainly Odour
March	1379	Mainly Odour
April	1157	Mainly Odour
May	480	Mainly Odour

## Regulatory enforcement

We served Transwaste with a [Regulation 36 Enforcement Notice](#) to take specified steps in relation to a breach of permit conditions on 9 April. This included covering the problematic areas of the landfill site by 15 May.

Following this deadline, we carried out onsite assessments to establish if this notice had been complied with and if further measures are required to bring emissions under control and bring the site back into compliance with its permit.

We have determined that the operator **has not met the requirements of that notice** and we have taken time to consider further regulatory action as a result.

We have today issued a [Regulation 37 Enforcement Notice](#) in line with our [Enforcement and Sanction Policy](#). The notice has steps requiring additional temporary capping of the landfill within 6 weeks. That notice does suspend the acceptance of waste for direct landfilling until the further work to reduce the risk of landfill gas emission and odour impact is delivered by Transwaste.

Some covering material for example waste inert soils can be imported onto the site for the specific use in construction of the temporary capping and cover. We will be on site regularly to ensure no breach of the new notice.

We expect the operator to comply with the conditions of their environmental permit, to better manage risk on site and stop unacceptable impacts on the local community and the environment.

## Multi-Agency Working

We are continuing to work with partners, Wyre Borough Council, Lancashire County Council and UK Health Security Agency. Each organisation has a different role in providing advice or regulating under specific legislation Jameson Road. Please see our [dedicated page](#) for more information on the roles and responsibilities of each of the agencies involved in dealing with this incident.

The current focus of the multi-agency group is to:

- ensure that the site fully complies with their environmental permit,

- provide advice and guidance to the community,
- support the response to impacts experienced by the residents of Fleetwood and the surrounding areas.

### **Community Liaison meeting**

A Community Liaison meeting was held on 16 May at the Civic Centre in Poulton, and Transwaste were given the opportunity to outline what they are doing to reduce odour emissions at the Jameson Road site. Representatives from the community, the Environment Agency and Wyre Borough Council were also in attendance.

Community liaison meetings allow scrutiny around the actions and future plans of an operator, providing the opportunity for the Environment Agency and partner organisations to provide their updates on information and actions. The meetings also provide a platform for community representatives to pose questions, raise concerns and try to build a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the agencies that are involved.

Community liaison meetings are vital during incidents but are also beneficial to continue beyond problem times to keep the community updated on the site operations.

During the recent meeting, members of the group asked why Wyre BC had not served an Abatement Notice under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

The regulation of waste operations, such as Jameson Road Landfill Site, is delivered under the environmental permitting regulations through the environmental permit held by Transwaste. It is the role of the Environment Agency to deliver that regulation.

Government guidance states that where a site is permitted by the Environment Agency, and a Local Authority, in this case Wyre Borough Council, is also considering serving an Abatement Notice they are required to consider whether the situation could be classed as:

- a statutory nuisance

and

- whether proceedings could be taken under the environmental permitting regulations.

Wyre are of the opinion that the Jameson Road site the issues could be classed as statutory nuisance, though action is being taken already by the Environment Agency.

Wyre BC have told us that there is still an option for them to serve an Abatement Notice, though they would need to seek permission from the Secretary of State to take summary action under the Environmental Protection Act. At this moment they consider that this action is unlikely to deliver improvements for the community more quickly than the Environment Agency action currently in place.

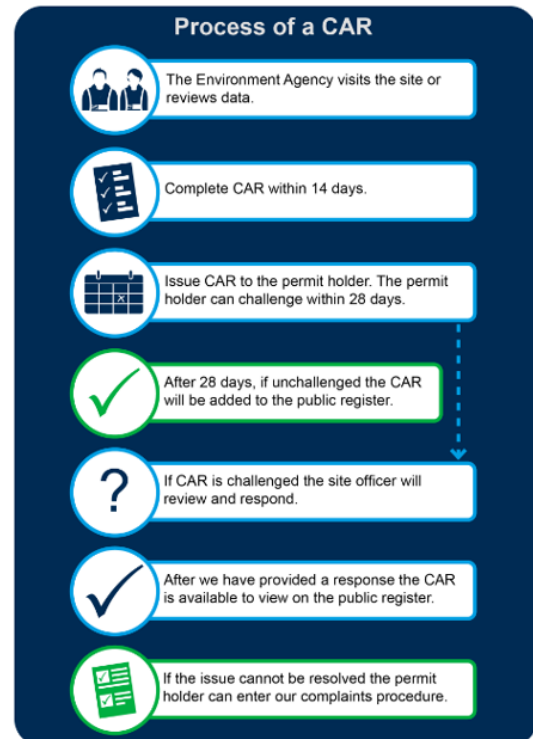
We understand that Wyre BC is however gathering evidence about the impact that the odour is having in people's homes and that Wyre Council officers are required to witness and smell the odour at people's homes. If enough evidence is gathered by Wyre BC, and the Environment Agency action does not deliver the required improvement, Wyre BC will consider appropriate action. Wyre BC are encouraging residents to contact them and arrange for their officers to visit their homes and to keep a diary of the incidents as they occur.

The current focus of the multi-agency group is to ensure that the site fully complies with their environmental permit and regulatory enforcement notices that have been served. This is currently considered the best way to deal with the issue, hold the operator to account and stop unacceptable impact on the community.

## Compliance Assessment Reports (CAR)

The Environment Agency complete Compliance Assessment Reports to record the findings of our site inspections, audits and monitoring activities at Jameson Road. We use these forms to:

- record our observations
- provide advice and guidance
- identify and score permit breaches and specify any remedial actions required
- inform the operator of enforcement action, if any, that we are considering.
- We use our guidance on assessing and scoring environmental permit compliance to score permit breaches in accordance with our Compliance Classification Scheme (CCS)



There is a high level of public interest over the regulation of Jameson Road Landfill Site. To meet this interest, we have already placed a significant amount of information in the public domain to allow the public to engage in this matter. We are communicating our actions where we can and will continue to do so as soon as we are able.

Transwaste have been informed that we are investigating possible breaches of the Environmental Permitting Regulations, and that our subsequent action will depend on the results of those investigations. With any legal process, we do need to take care with information we disclose so that we do not affect any action we decide to take in future.

Some of the Compliance Assessment Reports (CAR) we have not disclosed are incomplete under Environmental Information Regulations [EIR Regulation 12\(4\)\(d\)](#). In relation to the incomplete information, the adverse effect of disclosure would be that information that may be changed would be released, and people may rely on it or conclude that it is the final position. This could be misleading, alarming and create speculation about facts that have yet to be finalised.

We anticipate that all the Compliance Assessment Reports will become public register documents by the end of July 2024, though we will release them as soon as possible.

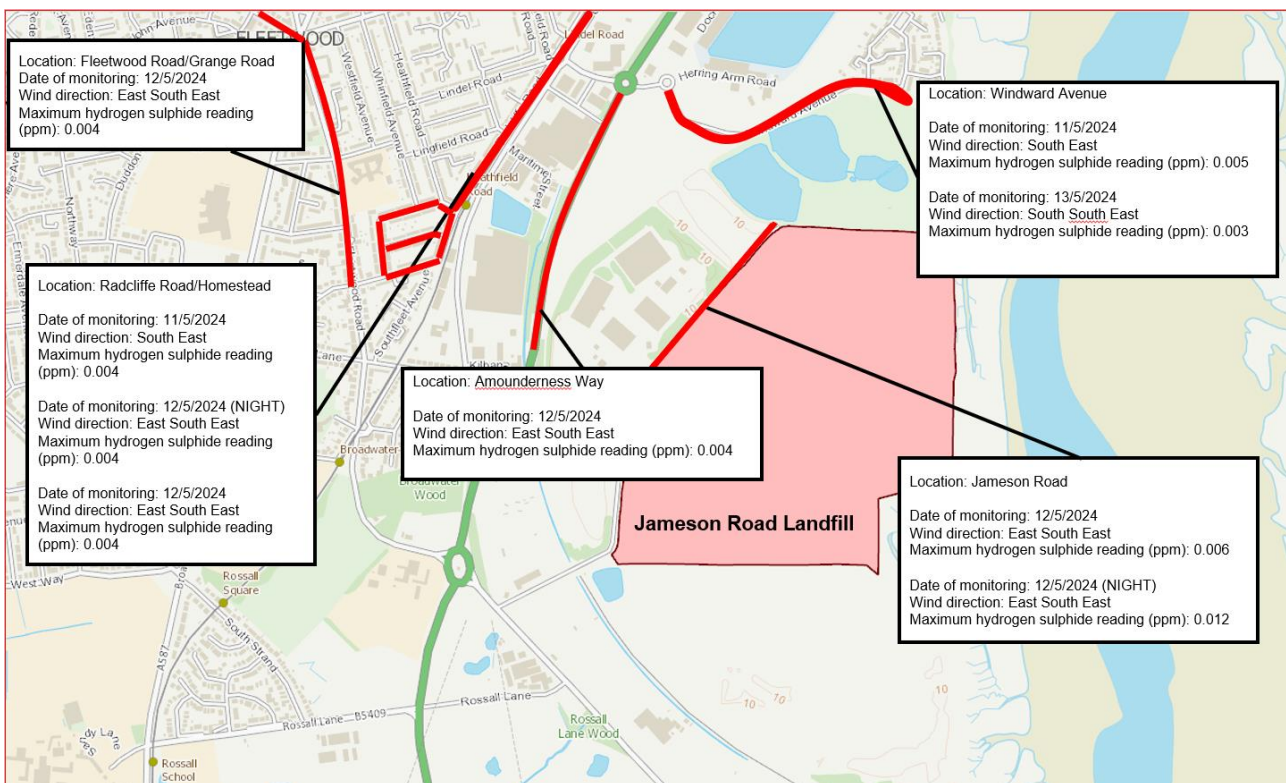
We would like the community to be assured that we are not withholding information without good reason, where we can communicate our actions, we are and will continue to do that. By sending these community updates and our attendance at the Community Liaison meetings we want to update regularly and answer questions transparently and honestly.

## Hydrogen Sulphide monitoring

Our officers continue to carry out odour assessments on a daily basis and including monitoring and performing our regulatory duties at the Jameson Road Landfill.

This includes carrying out Hydrogen Sulphide monitoring by using a handheld meter which takes instant readings of the air. Our officers identify plumes of malodorous air based on wind direction, reports to our incident hotline, and from our own odour assessments. We then walk through the plume taking several measurements.

The map below shows the date and location of where some of the monitoring was carried out:



### Location: Fleetwood Road/Grange Road

Date of monitoring: 12/5/2024, Wind direction: East South East, Maximum hydrogen sulphide reading (ppm): 0.004

### Location: Radcliffe Road/Homestead

- Date of monitoring: 11/5/2024, Wind direction: South East, Maximum hydrogen sulphide reading (ppm): 0.004

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**incident hotline 0800 80 70 60**

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**Location: Windward Avenue**

- Date of monitoring: 11/5/2024, Wind direction: South East. Maximum hydrogen sulphide reading (ppm): 0.005
- Date of monitoring: 13/5/2024, Wind direction: South South East Maximum hydrogen sulphide reading (ppm): 0.003

**Location: Jameson Road**

- Date of monitoring: 12/5/2024. Wind direction: East South East, Maximum hydrogen sulphide reading (ppm): 0.006
- Date of monitoring: 12/5/2024 (NIGHT) Wind direction: East South East, Maximum hydrogen sulphide reading (ppm): 0.012

The results show levels of Hydrogen Sulphide above normal background levels that are above the level of detection to the human nose but are low. They are also transient. We are advised that the results do not change the health advice previously given. The current health advice from the UK Health and Security Agency (HSA) can be found on our [dedicated web page](#).

We are continuing to share the results with health experts at UK HSA and Wyre Borough Council and will also continue to publish the results here.

The mobile monitoring facility (MMF) is in place in Fleetwood,

**Reporting the odour**

Reporting helps us to build up a picture of the extent and impact of the odour issue within the community. We encourage people to continue to report to us on our 24-hour incident hotline:

**0800 807060**