

24 September 2024

Whinney Hill Landfill Site

Community Update

Month	Number of reports	Types of report
June	65	Gulls/Odour
July	301	Gulls/Odour/Vermin
August	50	Gulls/Odour
September	20	Gulls/Odour

Current Situation

During September we have continued to see a reduction in reports regarding odour and gulls at the site. However, we understand that some residents are still being impacted by site operations. Our officers have continued to carry out visits in the local area since our last update and have found that on occasion there are odours within the community. Officers have also noted that gulls are still present on site but numbers appear to be declining.

Our Regulation

Our latest regulatory visit on 20 September showed that Suez are meeting the conditions of the permit. During this visit only occasional landfill gas odour could be detected and there appeared to be a reduction in gull numbers on site.

Suez are continuing to monitor the landfill gas infrastructure and gas extraction to minimize uncontrolled emissions. Over the past few weeks Suez have been continuing to install the permanent cap to the completed parts of the site and last week 7 new gas wells were installed. Further capping is planned to start this week in the current operational areas. These works, along with operations moving away from residential areas, are expected to reduce the impact of odour on the community.

We will continue to carry out compliance visits more regularly, some of those being unannounced.

We continue to hold regular meetings with members of the Suez management and communications teams to understand what they are doing to provide assurance that they are considering all methods to control both odour and reduce the impact from gulls on the community.

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Updating the community

We will be attending the Whinney Hill Landfill community liaison meeting arranged by Suez on 3 October. These meetings are an opportunity for representatives of the local community to hear about the work that Suez are doing, their environmental performance and to raise concerns. At the meeting we will also update residents about complaints, our regulation at the site and answer any questions raised.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact whinneyhillfs.uk@suez.com to be added to the attendee list.

The community can stay up to date with information about Whinney Hill Landfill site by accessing our dedicated webpage: [Information on Whinney Hill Landfill Site, Accrington, Lancashire - Environment Agency - Citizen Space \(environment-agency.gov.uk\)](https://environment-agency.gov.uk/citizen-space/whinney-hill-landfill-site)

We will update our webpage with answers to any frequently asked questions, and we plan to upload recent compliance reports later this week.

We continue to work alongside other partners including the UKHSA, Lancashire County Council, Hyndburn Council and Natural England to keep them informed about our regulation and to understand any actions they are taking to improve the current situation for the local community.

Reporting the issue

Reporting helps us to build up a picture of the extent and impact of the pest and odour issue within the community. We encourage people to report to us on our 24-hour incident hotline: **0800 807060**

Or via email: incident_communication_service@environment-agency.gov.uk

We would advise members of the community to contact NHS 111 or their GP if they have concerns about their health and need advice.

Customer Service line **03708 506 506**

Floodline **03459 88 11 88**

Incident hotline **0800 80 70 60**