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# Whinney Hill Landfill Site

## Community Update

Month	Number of reports	Types of report
June	65	Gulls, Odour
July	301	Gulls, Odour, Vermin
August	26	Gulls, Odour

### Current Situation

In recent days we have seen a slight reduction in the number of reports relating to gulls and odour. The table above shows a summary of the number of reports we've received over the last 3 months.

### Our Regulation

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. They have also observed a large number of gulls over the landfill site on these visits.

A visit was undertaken on 8 August by our officers in the local area and they were accompanied by representatives from Suez. During the visit odour was noted around Clayton Way and the local football pitch close to the M65. Suez are keen to monitor and understand the impacts to the community.

We understand that Suez are considering adjusting their site operations and tipping locations to help minimise the risk of odour within the community. Suez are also looking to engage with the local community through a dedicated website and drop-in sessions so they can update the community with what they are doing on site to resolve the issues.

We are increasing the frequency of our inspections on site. Our next site visit will be Friday 9 August. When we carry out our regulatory visits we look at how Suez are operating and whether they are taking all appropriate measures required by their environmental permit. We will continue our regular visits to the local community to check on odour and pests.

**Customer Service line**    **03708 506 506**  
**Incident hotline**         **0800 80 70 60**

**Floodline**    **03459 88 11 88**

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### **Updating the community**

We have launched a dedicated web page to provide easy access to information about Whinney Hill for the local community:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/cumbria-and-lancashire/information-on-whinney-hill-landfill-site>

We were unable to commit to a recent public meeting, however Suez are arranging public drop-in events later in August that we will aim to attend. We are also pushing for Suez to restart a community liaison group so nominated representatives from the community have the opportunity to raise concerns at regular meetings.

We will work alongside other partners 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](mailto:incident_communication_service@environment-agency.gov.uk)

Members of the community should contact NHS 111 or their GP if they have concerns about their health and need advice.