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# Whinney Hill Landfill Site

## Community Update

### Current Situation

Since the start of July we have received over 140 reports from residents regarding Whinney Hill Landfill Site, which is operated by Suez. The reports relate to the impacts of odour, gulls and other pests on the communities surrounding the site.

The Environment Agency is the primary regulator of the waste activities at the site in accordance with the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations. We have made it clear to Suez that they must take all necessary steps to minimise the impacts caused by their operations. We also expect them to keep the community informed about what they are doing to mitigate the impacts.

### Our Regulation

We recently visited Whinney Hill Landfill Site and carried out checks on the impacts of odour and pests in the surrounding communities. During the visit we observed a large number of gulls in the vicinity. Suez are taking steps to manage the gulls in line with the environmental permit, however further measures are likely to be required to reduce the impacts to residents.

Officers also noted a waste type odour in the community, both adjacent to the site and across the M65 motorway. We are following this up with the operator and will make sure they take action.

We have introduced frequent visits to the local community to check on odour and pests. We will continue carrying out these checks until the issues are resolved. Our next regulatory inspection of the landfill site is planned for the end of this week.

We are working hard to ensure that Suez complies with environmental regulations and minimises the impact on local residents.

### Updating the community

We're committed to keeping the community informed about our actions and progress at the site through regular community newsletters and attendance at scheduled community liaison events.

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.

**Customer Service line**    **03708 506 506**

**Incident hotline**        **0800 80 70 60**

**Floodline**    **03459 88 11 88**

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### **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.

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