

Roxby Landfill Site – April 2020

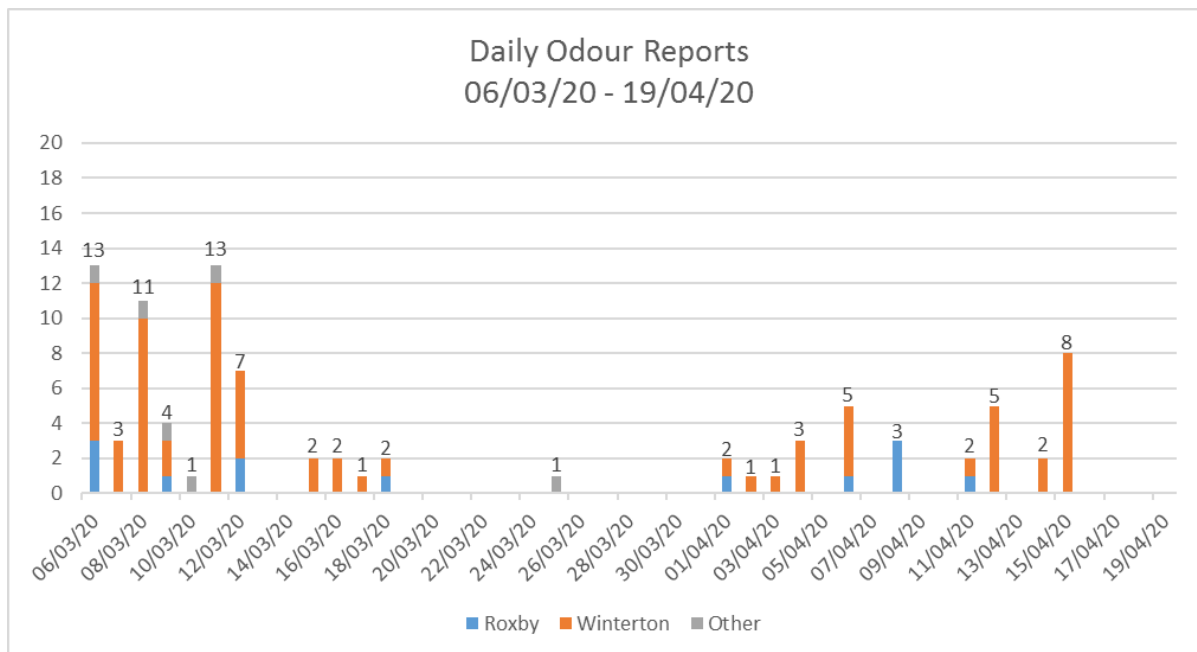
Introduction

This is the third in a series of updates which will provide residents with the latest information about our regulation of Roxby Landfill Site.

Background

We regulate the Environmental Permit held by Biffa Waste Services Ltd for Roxby Landfill Site. The environmental permit contains conditions relating to site operations, which includes the waste types allowed, the handling of them and any relevant emissions standards and monitoring requirements.

Odour Reports since 6 March 2020



How we are continuing to regulate during the Coronavirus pandemic

We will continue to carry out regulatory visits to sites that could cause serious environmental harm where required. We will keep this approach to regulatory visits under review in line with our regulatory duties and the latest Government guidance. For all sites we are exploring how best to continue to regulate during this period, using alternative regulatory approaches such as increasing desk based compliance activity and remote ways of working.

Our people will comply with Public Health England advice throughout this time. Our priority remains protecting the environment and human health during this period.

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Our Assurance of Regulation at Roxby Landfill Site

We continue to effectively liaise with Biffa at Roxby and continue to receive regular operational updates. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the latest face to face meeting scheduled for 3 April 2020, due to COVID-19.

All actions within the voluntary action plan have now been completed and we are satisfied with actions taken to date. These include a 40,000m² area of capping and installation of a combination of shallow and deep gas wells.

We are aware that a number of odour reports have recently been notified to our Incident Hotline. Biffa are regularly informed of these (although we do withhold personal information) to enable further investigation to the root cause.

The latest reports coincide with the second stage of routine operational events, including drilling of deep gas wells. Biffa has advised the drilling works are now complete and will continue with the planned engineering works to lay a further 15,000m² of capping material.

Active landfilling has commenced in a much lower area of the landfill (Phase12). Gas collection infrastructure (scavenger lines) have already been placed within the phase to assist with the collection of gas. This is a positive step to prevent off-site odour impacts. We will continue to review any odour reports received.

Your odour reports

We want to hear from you if you have an environmental incident or concern, including any odour concerns. To do this, call our free 24 hour incident hotline on:

0800 80 70 60

Please do not try to contact our officers directly - we cannot guarantee that your call will be logged and dealt with in a timely manner unless it is made through the incident hotline.

Our Feedback to You

Often you will ask us for feedback following your report. We will endeavour to report back directly where we can but this may not always be possible. We recognise the importance of providing feedback and will do this through the Roxby liaison group and updates such as this one.

Community Engagement

The Environment Agency continues to update the community with a monthly update and has provided the group with a Landfill FAQ which is available to anyone requesting a copy – please contact LInquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk if you would like a copy.

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Andrew Percy MP

We continue to correspond with Andrew Percy MP. Andrew continues to update his webpages and Facebook account.

Enforcement Response

The Environment Agency has commenced a formal investigation following the increase of odour reports. Although our enforcement response has not yet been determined, The Environment Agency has a wide range of enforcement powers and sanctions. More details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-agency-enforcement-and-sanctions-policy/environment-agency-enforcement-and-sanctions-policy>

Next update

We will provide our next update in mid-May 2020. If you would like to provide feedback on how useful you found this update please email LNenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk