

Roxby Landfill Site – May 2020

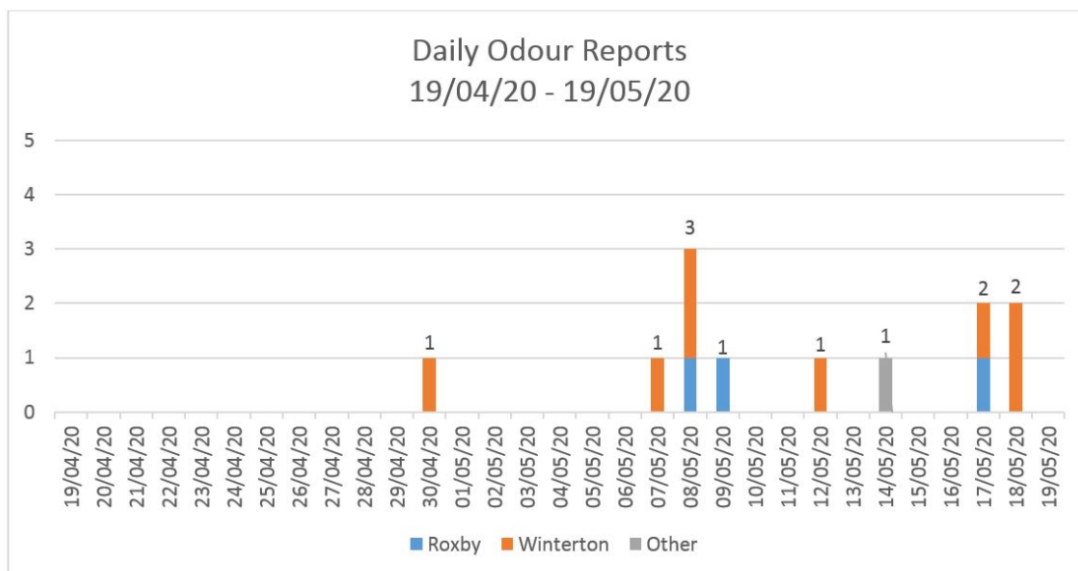
Introduction

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

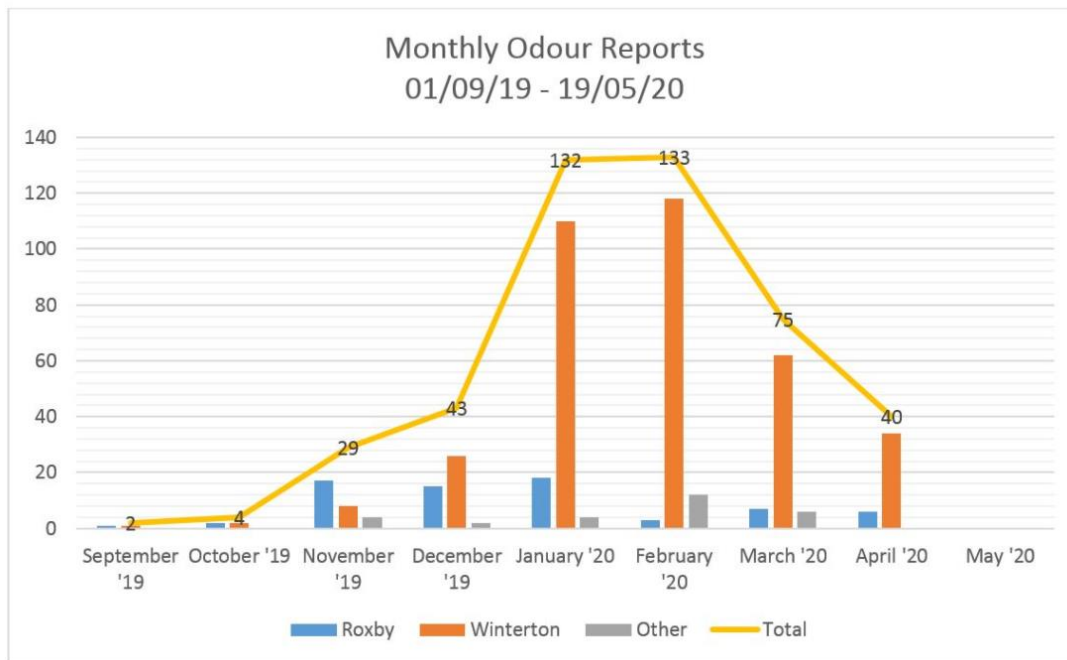
Background

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 19 April 2020



Odour Reports since 1 September 2019



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.

Our Assurance of Regulation at Roxby Landfill Site

We continue to effectively liaise with Biffa at Roxby via virtual meetings. We receive regular operational updates and Biffa continue to update the community with weekly updates.

Odour reports received by the Environment Agency have reduced in May. We continue to notify Biffa of all reports received to undertake an investigation and review.

Landfilling has now commenced in Phase 12 at Roxby in the north-east corner. Biffa has already installed gas collection infrastructure in the phase to collect and manage landfill gas and minimise landfill gas and waste odours.

Biffa has advised the current capping programme is now complete. The Construction Quality Assurance Report for the permanent capping has been received and we are currently reviewing the submission.

The Construction Quality Assurance Report for the recent installation of 29 permanent deep gas wells, has been received and accepted by the Environment Agency.

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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.

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 LNenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk if you would like a copy.

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. 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-June 2020. If you would like to provide feedback on how useful you found this update please email LNenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

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