

Poplars Landfill and Anaerobic Digestion Facility, Cannock – February 2020 update

Introduction

This is the third in a series of updates, which will provide residents with the latest information about our regulation of the Poplars Landfill site in Cannock.

Keeping you up to date on our progress is very important to us and we hope our updates will answer many of your questions. Thank you for taking the time to read this update.

Latest news

Air monitoring unit

To enable us to further understand the potential impact on air quality from the Biffa Poplars Landfill site, we installed a mobile monitoring facility (MMF) on 31 January 2020 in the car park of the Newhall Farm Pub in Cannock. This MMF contains equipment capable of measuring methane (CH₄), hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x).

The MMF will collect data continually for four months to allow sufficient data for meaningful analysis to be undertaken. At the end of this four month period, a summary of the results will be provided to local residents. The full report will also be made available. All data will be provided to the Local Council, and to Public Health England for them to update any advice as necessary.



Improving gas capture

Biffa continue to work on improving the seal on parts of the site, which is known as capping. This is scheduled to be completed by 14 February 2020. Unfortunately, local residents may still experience odours until the work is fully completed.

This capping work is being carried out on the active part of the cell, i.e. where waste is still being deposited and is therefore termed 'temporary capping'. Permanent capping is a term used when waste is no longer being deposited in the cell, and it is considered to be closed.

Keeping local residents updated

We understand the importance of face to face conversations, and recently six of our experienced Regulatory Officers visited the Heath Hayes area of Cannock to distribute our latest newsletter to the local community by hand. This enabled us to speak personally with over fifty local residents and address their concerns directly.

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Following your feedback we have created a generic landfill frequently asked questions (FAQ) document, which we have saved to our online information page. Hopefully this will help answer a lot of your questions and queries.

We will continue to provide updates via our newsletter and online information page. The link to our information page is <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/west-midlands/poplars-cannock-information-page>

If you would like to receive our newsletter, please email Engagement_WestMids@environment-agency.gov.uk and we will add you to our mailing list. You can follow us on twitter too at @EnvAgencyMids #PoplarsCannock as we will be tweeting about the work we are doing.

We are also members of the Poplars liaison group arranged by Biffa Waste Services Ltd.

Environmental concerns

To report an environmental incident or concern, please 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.

Staffordshire County Council

For any concerns regarding the operational life of the site, final height and profile of the landfill, hours of operation and traffic movements to and from the site, please contact Staffordshire County Council on Regulation@Staffordshire.gov.uk or via their general enquiries number on 0300 111 8000.

Next update

We will provide our next update late February 2020. If you would like to provide feedback on how useful you found this update please email Engagement_WestMids@environment-agency.gov.uk

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