



Environment Agency to hold second virtual community event for Newcastle under Lyme residents

The Environment Agency is holding a virtual community event for the people of Newcastle under Lyme, for anyone impacted by odours from the operations at Walleys Quarry landfill.

This is the second in a series of engagement events and is an opportunity for those who were unable to attend the previous session to ask questions.

More events are being planned for the coming weeks and months to talk to local people about the work we are doing to hold the operator to account for the odour.

The event, which is being held on **Wednesday 9 June from 6 – 8pm** is aimed at those living and working in the areas which are currently being impacted by the odour from Walleys Quarry.

The event is a teleconference which is facilitated by a professional independent facilitation company. The community can ask questions via the facilitator. It's being done this way to make sure the maximum number of people are able to join. Using teleconference in this way means there is capacity for 3,000 people to join.

Clare Dinnis, Area Director, said:

“The odour from Walleys Quarry landfill site is a really distressing issue for this community. We are totally committed to bringing the site into compliance and want to give members of the public the opportunity to ask us questions as well as tell us their stories.”

Due to Covid restrictions these events cannot be held face to face, but are being planned for when advised by government they can go ahead.

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Notes to Editors

- To join the call dial 0800 368 2321 and enter the pin 7656997#
- We would appreciate it if you could join the call 5 minutes before the scheduled start time as it will start promptly. If you are unable to attend the session there will be a recording and transcript available.

- The Environment Agency has been working with public health partners Public Health England (PHE) and Staffordshire County Council, along with Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council, to understand any risk that the site may pose and provide the right advice to the local community.
- For more information, see: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/west-midlands/walleys-quarry-landfill-sliverdale/>