

# Keeping you informed

## Update on our work at Peckfield Landfill Site

March 2024

**Our aim is to protect and improve the environment so everyone can enjoy the benefits of a clean, safe and healthy place to live, work and play.**

**We issue environmental permits that set standards for those operating waste management facilities including landfills like the site at Peckfield.**

**The operator, Caird Peckfield Limited (CPL) must comply with the strict conditions of its permit to minimise its impact on the environment and the local community.**

**We are aware of the ongoing landfill gas odours being experienced by residents and would like to take the opportunity to update the residents of Micklefield and the surrounding villages on our regulation of Peckfield Landfill Site.**

## Enforcement Action

### **Enforcement action to address non-compliance with the permit conditions.**

Update on our enforcement action to address non-compliance with the permit conditions.

On 12 December 2023 the Environment Agency served an enforcement notice on Caird Peckfield Limited (CPL) under Regulation 36 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016. This required CPL to improve aspects of the site infrastructure and, by doing this, to address the landfill gas emissions being experienced beyond the site boundary.

Following the expiry of the deadlines in the enforcement notice, our officers undertook a site inspection to assess compliance with the requirements of the enforcement notice. We found that the requirements of the enforcement notice had not been complied with. CPL have been informed.

We are continuing our investigations and considering enforcement action in accordance with our Enforcement and Sanctions Policy following the non-compliance alongside our ongoing regulation of the site.

## Continuing odour emissions

We continue to receive significant numbers of reports relating to odour from Peckfield Landfill and we realise how unpleasant this is for affected residents. We are working to ensure CPL take the action required. We have allocated additional staff resources to help us do this.

In addition to ensuring gas and leachate wells are adequately sealed, CPL must also complete the installation of a sealing cap to a section on the top of the landfill. This work has been ongoing over the last few months, but delays have meant there have been sections of uncapped landfill emitting gas and therefore odour to air.

CPL has advised us that the capping work will be completed within three weeks (as of week commencing 26 February 2024). We continue to monitor closely the progress of this work and will continue to ensure CPL completes the work to a satisfactory level, using our different regulatory tools where applicable.

## How you can help us

We run a 24-hour incident hotline. You can use this number to tell us if the site is causing a nuisance. Our hotline number is **0800 807060**. Accurate, reliable, and timely reports are crucial in helping us to assess the ongoing impact the landfill is having, and we thank those who take the time to do this.

We also have a dedicated email address you can contact us on – please email [micklefield@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:micklefield@environment-agency.gov.uk) .

Further information on the site, landfills, our role as the regulator, and copies of some key documents (including inspection reports), can be found on our information page [Peckfield Landfill Site - Environment Agency - Citizen Space \(environment-agency.gov.uk\)](#).

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