

June / July Community Update: Jameson Road Landfill site

We are committed to keeping the community informed about the proactive steps we're taking to tackle unwanted odour from the Jameson Road Landfill site. We understand how this issue affects your daily life, both at home and in your gardens and we're working hard to find a lasting solution.

A spell of warmer weather which coincided with works on site at Jameson Road Landfill in July led to an increase in calls to Wyre Council and we want to thank residents for continuing to get in touch. If you are affected by odour, please complete diary sheets and allow our officers to visit your property. This will help us to gather vital evidence towards a case of statutory nuisance using the legal powers that we hold.

Ongoing Actions

- We are actively monitoring and responding to communications from residents concerning the Jameson Road Landfill site. This includes addressing concerns raised via telephone and digital channels.
- During the month of June, we received and assessed 109 complaints related to the site. In July we received 198 complaints related to the site. Each complaint has either been responded to directly or is currently under review, with further information being gathered to enable a comprehensive response from our officers.
- In June we received 12 completed Odour Diary Sheets from residents. In each case, we offered the opportunity for an officer to conduct a verification visit at the resident's property. One resident accepted this offer and officers visited on 11 occasions. During these visits, odour was not experienced. Follow-up visits have been offered to ensure continued monitoring and support.
- In July, we received 8 completed Odour Diary Sheets from residents. While officer verification visits were offered in each case, none were accepted.
- We continue to encourage residents affected by unpleasant odours to complete Odour Diary Sheets and to accept the offer of an officer verification visit. Both elements are essential for us to collect the necessary evidence to support a potential case of statutory nuisance under our legislative powers. The verification visit doesn't require an officer to enter your home – monitoring can be completed from the garden or outside space if necessary.

- Officers have begun to use a Jerome Monitor to support the council's efforts to gather robust evidence to support a case of statutory nuisance, While this new tool can't replace officer verification visits, it can help to detect and measure levels of hydrogen sulphide in a home setting more accurately, to help determine what residents are experiencing.
- We have commissioned independent experts to undertake a thorough review of the lease agreement held by Transwaste Recycling and Aggregates Ltd for the Jameson Road site. We are currently awaiting the final report from this review and will provide an update as soon as it becomes available.
- We have engaged with stakeholders involved in the Walley's Quarry case in Staffordshire to understand lessons learned and best practice approaches in managing similar issues in our community.
- We continue to hold weekly meetings with the Environment Agency to ensure coordinated action and information sharing regarding the Jameson Road Landfill site.

Diary Sheets - Help Us Investigate Odours from the Site

We continue to look into reports of odours coming from the site and your input is really important. If you've noticed any smells, please use our odour diary sheets to record what you experience. These records, along with our officers' observations, will help us build a clearer picture of unwanted odour from the site and its impact on local residents.

To make it easier, we've created a short guide on how to fill in the diary sheets properly. Here's a quick summary:

- Try to complete entries for at least 7 days in a row (ideally 14).
- It's fine to write "no odour" on days when there's no smell.
- Be specific about when the odour happened and how long it lasted.
- Describe how the smell affected your use or enjoyment of your home.
- Only include what you experienced while at your property, not while out and about.
- Don't forget to sign the sheet before sending it in.

You can return completed sheets by:

- Email: JamesonRoadLandfill@wyre.gov.uk
- Post: Environmental Protection, Wyre Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 7PU
- In person: Drop them off at reception at the Civic Centre.

Community Liaison Group

There has been no Community Liaison Group meeting in June. The next meeting will take place on Friday 26th September. Please visit the website to join our mailing list to receive notifications when updates or new information is available:

www.wyre.gov.uk/Jamesonroad