



OPEN LETTER TO RESIDENTS OF NEWTON LEYS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

Many of you have been getting in touch with us to share your concerns about odour from our landfill site at Bletchley Landfill and so we wanted to bring you up to date.

Firstly, to reassure you, FCC Environment is one of the UK's largest recycling and waste management businesses. We are committed to environmental best practice when dealing with the household and business waste that our society creates. Being a big business gives us the resources we need to manage waste efficiently but we also pride ourselves on being local and a good neighbour to the communities within which we operate.

We appreciate it might not feel that way to you at the moment so we wanted to explain what has been going on at the site and what we are doing about it. We have been updating your elected council representatives regarding the works being undertaken on site. We have assumed this is the best way to communicate to our neighbours, but in case this is not working we have produced this note and can follow this up with further updates direct to representatives within the local residents.

FCC is currently completing a large area of engineered capping. This is the black plastic lining that you may be able to see on the site. This capping provides a seal over the waste to minimise odour and allows us to improve landfill gas control. We are confident that this work will greatly reduce the risk of odour going forward, and similar ongoing capping works are programmed in for the rest of 2023 and into 2024. The site has recently extended the length of its perimeter deodoriser unit and this is fully operational.

FCC continues to take these complaints extremely seriously and FCC staff continue to carry out daily monitoring on site using specialist monitoring equipment, and several odour inspections are completed each day off site. Any issues arising from these checks are investigated and any necessary remediation work actioned immediately. These works, such as the capping mentioned above, are ongoing and agreed with the Environment Agency.

It is vital that we carry out these remedial works in a timely fashion and so access to the site is needed at all times, a lack of access for staff and contractors will cause additional delay and environment damage which we are keen to avoid.

We have a legal obligation to do this and are working closely with the Environment Agency by whom the site is permitted.

Please be assured that we are doing everything that we can to remedy the situation as well as we can and as swiftly as we can.

We have a Community Liaison Group that meets regularly and you are welcome to join to find out more about us as the representatives of the local residents. Please register your interest via info@fccenvironment.co.uk. Our most recent liaison meeting was held on the 16th November, and as always local councillors and residents representatives were invited through the liaison committee.

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