

Keeping you informed

Update on our work at Peckfield Landfill Site

July 2014

Our role is to protect the environment so everyone can enjoy the benefits of a clean, safe and healthy place to live, work and play. Landfill sites should be operated in a way which minimises their impact on the environment and the local economy.

What has been happening recently?

- Variation of the permit

We have been working on a change to the site's environmental permit that will prevent the operator from tipping odorous wastes into an area of the quarry close to the village (cell 10c or the Eastern Neb). This variation is intended to limit the future potential for odour impact in the village by ensuring that this area, which is close to residential properties, can only be filled with inert (non-odorous) waste. We have produced a draft notice of variation which has been sent to Micklefield Parish Council and the local Planning Authority for consultation. We expect to be in a position to issue the final variation notice shortly after the ten day consultation period has elapsed on 14 July 2014.

- Landfill Gas infrastructure Works

We were recently approached by Caird Peckfield Ltd, who wished to enlist our help to notify the community of essential upcoming works to the landfill gas system. The works included disconnecting parts of the system to introduce new pipes and valves to increase efficiency in the long term. The works to the system were completed on 4th July 2014. One of our officers attended the site on the 4th, and confirmed that the landfill gas system had been satisfactorily reconnected. The potential for odour release is increased when this type of work is carried out. However, it is necessary in order to maintain the systems that provide long term benefit in terms of odour control. We did experience an increase in the number of odour complaints during the period of these works.

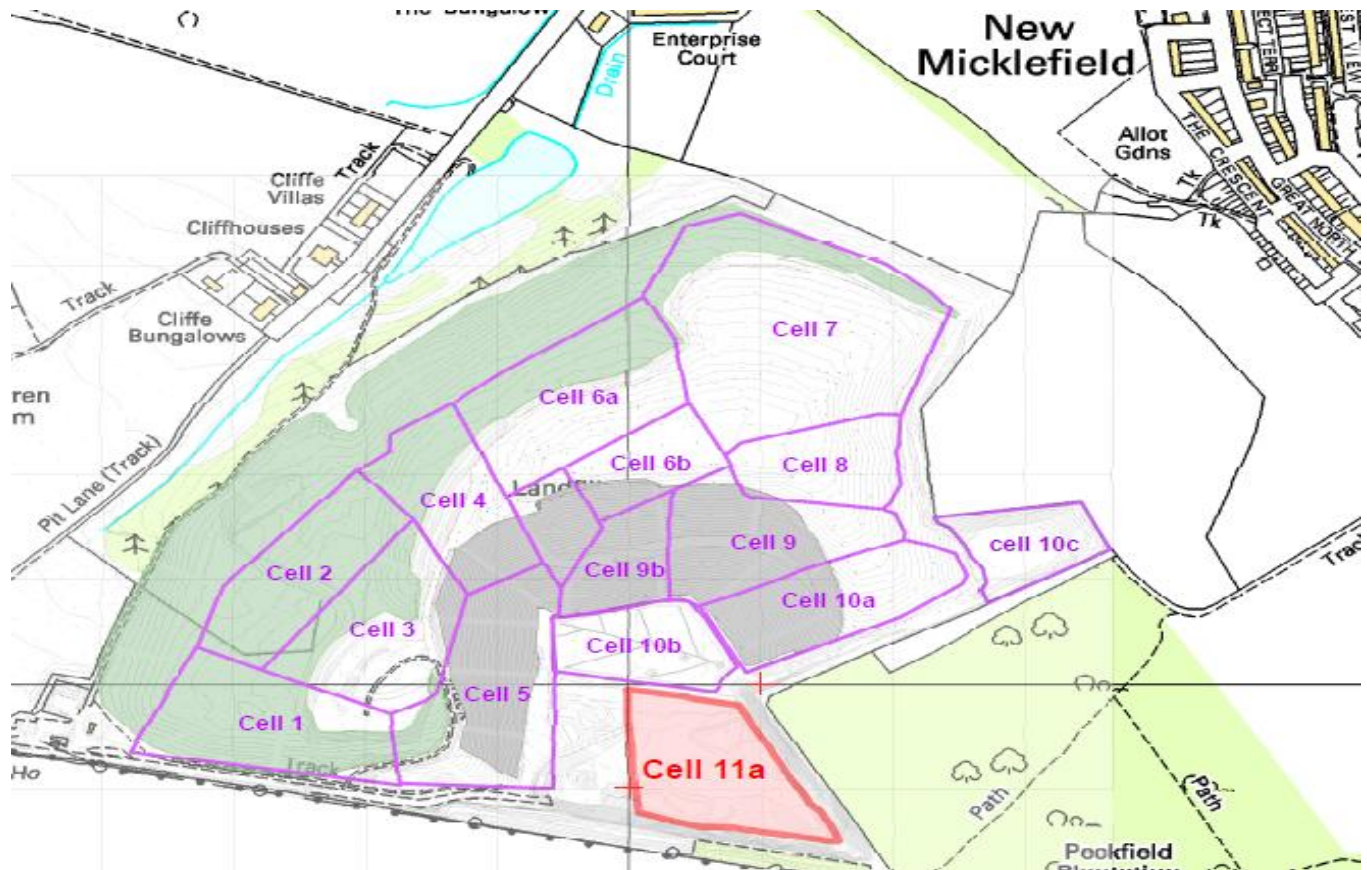
Further works are planned during July, which involve the excavation of a trench, into which a plastic liner for a new section of capping (a plastic seal on the surface of the site) will be 'anchored' in order to secure it. These works should take no longer than a few days to carry out and Caird Peckfield Ltd will advise when the works have been completed. As with the work described above there is increased potential for odour release during this type of activity, however, installation of the cap will provide long term benefits in terms of odour control. We will ensure the community is kept informed, by sending a message on behalf of Caird Peckfield Ltd, out via the Micklefield mailbox and ensuring it is posted on the Micklefield Community Enhancement facebook page.

We will endeavour to proactively send information about planned work of this nature via the 'Micklefield mailbox'.

If you wish to receive our updates, please get in touch with **Claire Dickinson** by emailing micklefield@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Flies

We have received a number of reports recently regarding the presence of an increased number of flies in the village. We carried out an inspection on 26 June 2014 during which, we assessed the level of fly activity on site. The level of fly activity on site was low at that time, and there was no evidence of breeding areas/infestation. The operator employs a pest control contractor that has a presence on site during operational hours who is responsible for routine surveillance of fly activity. The contractor also has ready access to spraying equipment and suitable pesticide should areas that warrant treatment be identified. We will continue to monitor fly activity on site during our site inspections.



Next Cell

Waste tipping operations are currently in Cell 10b. The next cell to be tipped with waste will be cell 11a in the base of the quarry, as shown on the map above. We are currently in the process of assessing the designed and build proposals for this new cell. We anticipate that construction will start this summer.

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. In order to gather reliable evidence we need reports to be timely and accurate. The officer taking the lead on our engagement with the community is Claire Dickinson. You can contact Claire by emailing micklefield@environment-agency.gov.uk or through our Customer Service number 03708 506506.

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