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**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Subject:** Walley's Quarry – Odours

Dear Simon

I write today complaining about and highlighting the impact that the odours being released from Wally's Quarry Landfill site have had on Newcastle Community Fire Station located on Knutton Lane, in Newcastle.

As a result of the level of odours experienced on the station over the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February a cause for concern was submitted into the Service's Health and Safety reporting system. With the station being less than ½ mile away from the site, there have been odours experienced over a number of years however nothing to the extent of the recent weekend.

The focus of this cause for concern over the dates highlighted relate to two specific matters: -

1. The quality of the air that was being introduced into the station through the ventilation system and the potential impact on the health and wellbeing of staff
2. The quality of the air that is used to fill our Breathing Apparatus equipment which is used for respiratory protection by operational staff during emergency incidents and the potential impact on the health and wellbeing of the staff that use this equipment.

As you would expect the Service has taken steps to assure ourselves that the impact of the odours are as mitigated as much as possible through our own mechanisms but clearly the outcome that we want is that there are no odours in the first place.



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I understand that steps have been taken to provide air monitoring across the local area and I hope that there will be information made publicly available as to the results of this monitoring within the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rebecca Bryant  
**Chief Fire Officer QFSM**

