



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**ISSUES AT WALLYS QUARRY LANDFILL SITE – NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME**

Dear Cllr Simon Tagg,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Chairman of the Business Improvement District in Newcastle under Lyme.

I understand that there have been a record number of complaints made about Walleys Quarry Landfill site over the past week or so and this is having a serious effect on both the local and business communities.

I also need to bring to your attention that the BID is being approached and contacted by many businesses who are finding the constant presence of the foul odours emanating from the site to be having serious detrimental effects on their businesses both in the town centre and outside the ring road. Some of the issues being highlighted relate to premises ventilation, staff welfare and wellbeing as well as serious complaints and concerns from customers.

Given that the Government have now set out the roadmap to recovery, the BID will be welcoming back our non-essential retail businesses and close contact services in April. The BID has serious concerns that reopening businesses and services will be adversely affected by the odours in terms of lack of custom and staff related issues. For maybe obvious reasons, this is something that needs to be addressed urgently to give fragile businesses the opportunity to bounce back and rebuild their business who have already had an extremely tough 12 months during the pandemic.

The BID is actively working with partners to support the safe re-opening of the High Street and feel that the issues at the landfill will undoubtedly have an adverse influence on these plans.

The BID commends and supports the actions that are being taken by you and the local authority to address the issues at Walleys Quarry Landfill site as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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