

**SCRUTINY PANEL REVIEW OF WALLEY'S QUARRY LANDFILL SITE
QUESTIONS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS**

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- 1 How many people does your group represent?
2500 people signed the petition
- 2 What is the geographical area covered by your group?
Poolfields and Knutton - the Residents Association joined together and the Group represents these areas
- 3 What topics would you like to speak to the Panel on?
Odour from the site; nuisance caused by gulls especially worse when the 'bird scarer' is operated; issues with lorries waiting overnight to enter the site and causing issues for residents due to waste products left and issues with dangerous parking; mud on the roads causing highway safety concerns; the height of the mound
- 4 Are these issues better or worse at different times of the day/year or in different weather conditions?
Issues are worse depending on the weather and time of day – frosty weather is worse and from late afternoon when the site closes and overnight.
- 5 Do you know how to raise issues about operations on site, and who to raise those issues with?
Yes with Red Industries
- 6 Have you raised any issues about operations on site, who with, and what was the outcome?
Yes, raised with Red and EA. Invited both to 2 public meetings which EA attended but Red did not. The Group were invited to a site visit but only allowed one attendee at a time.
- 7 What do you think RED Industries does well?
- 8 What do you think the RED Industries could do better?
Control the odour and gull nuisance. Manage the waiting vehicles more effectively.
- 9 What do you think the Environment Agency, the Borough Council or the County Council do well?
The Borough Council manages the situation well within its own area of responsibility.
- 10 What do you think the Environment Agency, the Borough Council or the County Council could do better?
SCC could better manage the highways concerns in terms of dangerous parking and the state of the road surface – mud levels.
The EA consistently state levels are within permitted levels yet odour levels have caused schools and other businesses to close on occasion due to concerns that there was a gas leak. There is a concern that a gas leak could be dismissed as odour from the site.

The Panel has been asked to specifically consider your thoughts on the proposal to increase the amount of waste that RED Industries is allowed to import to the site from 250,000 per year to 400,000 tonnes per year up until 2024. RED Industries made an application to the Environment Agency (EA) in 2019 to allow this increase under their Environmental Permit. The EA consulted on this application and more information is available here:-

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/st5-6dh-red-industries-limited/>

11 Whilst the importation limits are a matter for the Environment Agency, please let us know if your answers to any of the questions above would be different under the varied Environmental Permit.

This is very concerning as the odours are intolerable now and it is felt will only get worse with greater tonnage. The controls are not thought to be effective now and will be less so with greater tonnage on site.