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2nd March 2021

Dear Mr Bell and the Environment Agency,

I am writing on behalf of the school community regarding the environmental hazard which is Walley's Quarry run by Red Industries in Newcastle under Lyme. Our school is situated 1.2 km away from the quarry along a valley and suffers from odour problems on multiple occasions each week.

The smell is often most prevalent on arrival in the morning after the building has absorbed it over the previous evening and night. We have had children complaining of the smell, being unable to concentrate, not wanting to play outside and on at least five occasions members of staff at the school have had to investigate as we have suspected a gas leak only to realise that it was the smell from the quarry.

On arrival at the school, we have also had complaints from parents regarding the smell and on one occasion a parent has returned home with their child as they were not happy to leave them with us!

The smell hit its worst levels this Monday 1st March. On arrival at school at 7:30 am I entered the building and was nearly physically sick myself at the smell and found it very difficult to breathe. I had to make the decision not to allow any children into the school premises until we had allowed a period of time for ventilation. Thankfully we had enough time for ventilation before the beginning of the school day at 8:50, if this had not been the case, I may well have had to shut the school to children on this day. I am aware that the weekend of the 27th and 28th February saw a huge number of complaints from many residents and I can totally understand why.

As I am sure you can understand the children feel very passionately about this topic and I have included some of their concerns here as well, these letters and posters were driven by the children themselves with no input from staff.

When the environmental pollution of the quarry's activities impacts the education of local children something must be done. The children and I are looking forward to your response together with your suggestions for what you feel I could do should the school building again be uninhabitable for the children.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Pointon

Headteacher

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Dear Sir/Madam

I'm writing to tell you about my worries for the Walley's Quarry. We are supposed to keep the windows open for ventilation but we can't, because of the smell. Also I suffer from asthma so the stink triggers this sometimes. Sometimes you can even smell it from Fenton, which is quite far away from the Quarry. When I went on a bike ride I could smell it then and it was disgusting. Somebody even chained themselves to the gate to stop the lorries from getting in because the smell is so bad. Since then, there has been many more complaints and still nothing has been done.

I hope you can help in some way.

Yours Sincerely

Saint George Bennett

2nd March 2021

Dear Mr Bell,

I am writing to complain about the smell and pollution coming from Walley's Quarry Landfill in Newcastle- under- Lyme.

I live a quarter of a mile away from the landfill and attend St Giles & St Georges Academy.

Myself and my family wake up every morning with the odour in our house. We have been in lockdown and it has harder for us as we dont want to play in our garden and we cant even enjoy walking our dog. We have been told not to travel for exercise but we cannot enjoy a family walk with that odour. I live across the road from silverdale cemetery and the roads are very dirty, with lots of rubbish too. When we go for a walk , if a lorry drives past us, my mum has to shout at us to close our eyes as the dust blows into them and it hurts.

I hope you can help us and other residents and stop the stink.

Yours sincerely,

St Giles' & St George's Year 6 Pupil

STOP THE STINK

45720-204
or text
1144-455

Newcastle
Under
Lyme

Poster tip!



Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to you to complain about the smell from Whalley's Landfill in Newcastle under Lyme. First of all when I am well away from the landfill I can still always smell it, also when I am sleeping I sometimes wake up and can smell it. Even when I am sitting down I can smell it. It's just not a nice thing to smell at all.

Yours sincerely
Miss Rebecca Beesley.

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Newcastle - Under - Lyme
Council

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing a letter in response to Silverdale's landfill and how disgusted local residents are and how it affects their day to day lives. Did you know that residents are suffering with headaches and sickness due to the egg smell caused by carbon dioxide, the smell vents out for miles around Silverdale reaching Fenton, Bradwell and Newcastle in the space of 3 days over 200 people complained. It is also affecting my playtime at school and can most days be smelt inside my classroom, my entire school, surrounding areas, children and adults kindly ask that you take it away to a non-residential area and make life and home life better for locals.

Yours sincerely
Cain Hint of ST. Giles and ST. Georges Primary School.

STOP THE STINK

The landfill smells everyday, it smells really bad.
Every morning I wake up it makes me really mad.
We need help to get rid of the smell
cause it's making people feel unwell
shut your window and your door
it make you stay in not want you explore
This gets worse day by day
making people stay away
close the gates and shut it down
Let's make Newcastle a brand new town.

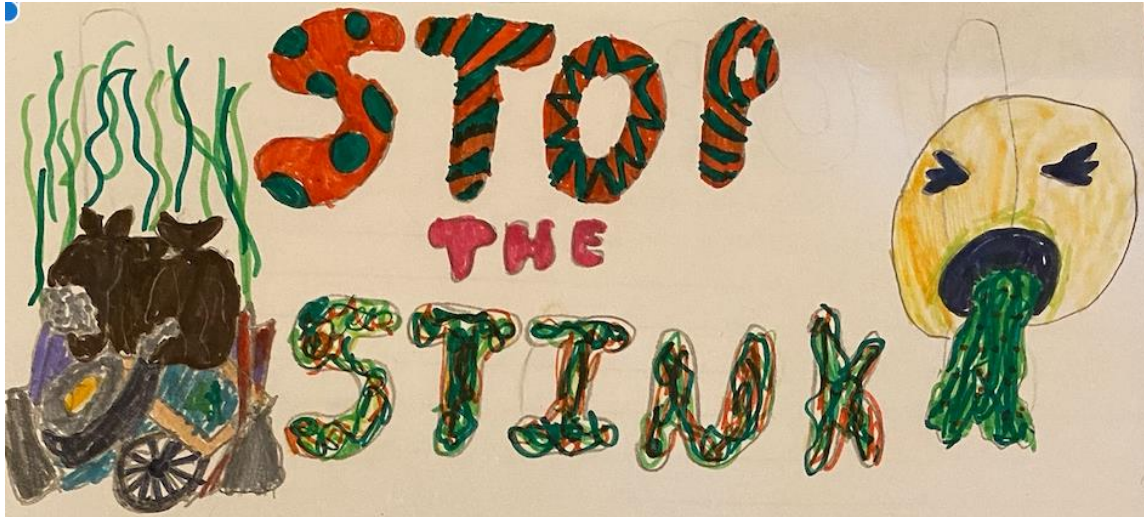
STOP THE SMELL!!!

More fresh Air!!!

More bike
rides

More nature
walks





I have a headache.

ew!

what's that smell?



Tuesday 2nd March

Dear Mr A Bell,

I am writing to complain about the smell and pollution coming from Walleys Quarry Landfill in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

First of all, this landfill is close to a lot of schools and homes, so when someone opens their window they will smell it. And at these times we are supposed to keep the windows open. Also, when someone goes outside for a walk or when children walk to school they will smell this no matter what time it is.

Secondly, most people find it weird for the landfill to be in the middle of Newcastle-under-Lyme for being close to a lot of houses. In my opinion, I agree that it should be moved to somewhere else where people can't smell it.

I hope that people will get what they want soon enough.

Yours sincerely,
Ferh nas Karaphar

St Giles and St George's Year 5/6 Pupil

STOP THE STINK!

Stop the smell!

It damages the environment!

!!! Stop the smell

It damages our health, animals and ENVIRONMENT.

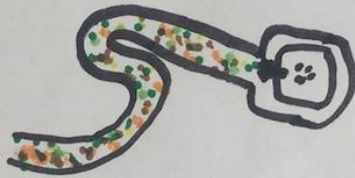
Help now before it's too late!



The smell will get into our lungs and cause breathing problems and health risks.



The things in there will blend in with the water and go inside us and will hurt us inside our stomach.



It damages plants which we need for breathing.



The Landfill makes traffic because of ALL the heavy lorries bringing the rubbish.



The animals will be hurt because of the rubbish and the smell.



Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Dear Mr A. Bell,

I am writing to complain about the smell and pollution coming from Walley's Quarry in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

The first concern I have is of the smell that the site creates. Breathing the smell in constantly can cause serious Health risks and damage to the lungs. It also can affect water pollution, which is the water you drink!

I also want the smell gone because it can affect wildlife and animals that could get #harmed. I feel sorry for people who smell it every day because they and their family could get very ill.

Yours sincerely Ava Fowler

#harmed

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Dear Mr. Aaron Bell,

I am writing to complain about pollution and stench originating from the Walley's Quarry Landfill in Newcastle-under-Lyme. It is very disturbing for people who live near or a few miles away from the landfill, so I deeply urge you to take action immediately. This letter of complaint will inform you of what has been happening in the local community.

The local citizens are fighting to 'Stop the Stink' and are hoping the Environmental Agency will do something about this. Firstly, the odour coming from the landfill is absolutely horrendous. If possible, I would like you to experience this, so you will know what we could smell in our everyday lives and will take this matter more seriously. Furthermore, in this universal crisis everyone becomes highly aware of their hygiene. I am certain that you will agree that with a landfill nearby houses is definitely not hygienic at all.

Finally, I would like to suggest a possible solution. You might want to consult with the Environmental Agency for ideas to block the stench. Last but not least, I think the quicker this problem could be sorted out, the better it will be for the local residents. I plead you once more to 'Stop the Stink'. Thank you very much for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Jamie Kwong

St Giles' & St George's Year 5/6 Pupil