

## Date of Explanatory Notes: January 2024

### KPI 1 and KPI 2 Waste Acceptance

No non-conformances have been received from the regulator within the period.

1655 loads inspected within the period, with 0 loads rejected.

### KPI 3 and KPI 4 Odour Management

No non-conformances have been received from the regulator within the month, with two site regulatory inspections/reviews undertaken. CAR reports for site visits confirm an offsite odour, detected by Environment Agency officers. This was not reported to WQL contemporaneously with the observation. The Agency assessments cover a wide scope of permit conditions including engineering, containment, operational activities, landfill gas management, odour and pest management.

55 odour tours conducted by WQL, with 53 reflecting no odours experienced. Contemporaneously with these odour tours, checks on the gas collection and treatment infrastructure, site engineering and operations and local weather factors were reviewed to ensure all appropriate actions were being undertaken. No non-conformances were identified during these times. And all appropriate actions were being taken.

### KPI 5 and 6 Active Tipping Area

The overall current landfill 127,066m<sup>2</sup>. The active area is confined to Cell 2. The current active area remains contained and measures some 30,034 m<sup>2</sup>. This is aligned with the approved capping and phasing plan, as agreed with the Environment Agency. The active operational area is progressively covered during the day to minimise the time that fresh waste remains uncovered. This is in line with best practice and our operating techniques. We retain healthy stockpiles of cover material to facilitate this progressive covering.

### KPI 7 Temporary Capping

Currently, 35,658 m<sup>2</sup> of the surface area of the facility is temporarily capped, either using a high specification, low permeability engineering clay. This is in line with the capping and phasing plan for the facility, as agreed with the Environment Agency and an increase on the previous period. Maintenance works continue to clay capped areas in line with the agreed (by the Environment Agency) CQA (Construction Quality Assurance) specifications.

### Permanent Capping

Relating to permanent capping, 55,700m<sup>2</sup> of the surface area of the facility is capped, by the installation of a low permeability geomembrane. This is in line with the capping and phasing plan for the facility, as agreed with the Environment Agency with all permanent capping works being conducted under the process of Construction Quality Assurance (CQA). Subsequently, on completion of the

permanent capping works, cover soils continue to be imported to the facility as part of the site restoration process.

## KPI 8 - 10 Landfill gas management

WQL continues to undertake the extensive regime of surface emission surveys, as agreed with the Environment Agency. A, FID survey was conducted in January 2024.

The concentration of H<sub>2</sub>S at the facility remains within expected limits and in January, averaging 2,292 ppm at the Gas Utilisation Plant (GUP), as measured by CLP Envirogas Ltd and representing a reduction on the previous period.

The volume of gas captured at the facility remains within expected limits, at 3,130m<sup>3</sup>/hr, comparable with the previous period. The flow rate has remained high and consistent across the period. WQL continue to review this position and drive the gas management contractor, CLP Envirogas Ltd, to ensure that gas collection is continually reviewed to assess relevant developments that can be made.

## KPI 11 Landfill Gas Management - Landfill Gas Management Plan

The LFGMP continues to be developed by WQL and adopted by CLP Envirogas Ltd. From Appendix A of this document, three actions remain open and in progress, namely:

Site Specific Balancing Plan – this is being developed by WQL, in conjunction with the Environment Agency and CLP Envirogas Ltd. A draft has been received and is being reviewed, prior to agreement and submission to the Environment Agency.

Regular monitoring, requested by the Environment Agency of CLP Envirogas Ltd continues and is likely to remain in place.

Installation of horizontal wells in active operational areas continues as the site develops, in line with the approved LFGMP.

The LFGMP has been reviewed and issued to the Environment Agency, with comments received from the regulator on 2 June 2023 following the submission on 15 January 2023. The draft LFGMP has been discussed with NuLBC and was submitted to the Environment Agency on 14 August 2023 for approval, with further comments received 6 October. A meeting to discuss the LFGMP was undertaken on 18 October 2023 with the EA, with a further submission made 22 January 2023. Discussions have been held with the EA to facilitate approval of the LFGMP. Further comments received by WQL for consideration, which should see approval of the plan.

The EA guidance relating to landfill operations has been updated and varies significantly in key areas. This has the potential to impact the approval of the LFGMP amongst other plans submitted to the EA by WQL which it is seeking approval. A request to clarify the position and the potential on-impact has been made to the EA.

## KPI 12 Leachate Management Plan

In relation to the LMP, an additional 5 leachate wells have been successfully installed into the WQ facility. These have been installed utilising steel casing, increasing the robustness of the installed infrastructure to settlement and compaction of waste. replacement leachate wells at the facility.

A pump-trial plan, agree to be conducted as part of the LMP submission has been agree with the EA and will be commenced through Q1 2024.

## KPI 13- 15

### **11 January 2024 – CAR report 0490052**

General site visit undertaken. No compliance scores received:

An odour was alleged to have been detected by the EA on both 5<sup>th</sup>&6<sup>th</sup> January 2024, adjacent to the site. This was not communicated to WQL until they attended site on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and was confirmed in their CAR report received 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

No CAR form for the visit 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 has been received to date.