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Walleys Quarry Project Update Mailing List Subscriber

Our ref: EPR/DP3734DC

Date: 18 December 2024

Dear Subscriber

NOTICE OF APPEAL MADE UNDER REGULATION 31 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2016

I am giving you notice that Walleys Quarry Ltd (WQL), the Appellant, has made an appeal to the Secretary of State against a Closure Notice served on Walleys Quarry Ltd, by the Environment Agency on 28 November 2024.

The Closure Notice requires WQL to take steps to initiate Closure of Walleys Quarry Landfill site. You can find full details of the steps required and the specified deadlines, in Appendix 2 of the Closure Notice, a copy of which is available on our Engagement HQ website.

WQL disputes the decision to, and grounds for serving the notice.

WQL has indicated that:

- It believes the Closure Notice is an unlawful exercise of the Environment Agency's powers, and permit variation or revocation would have been more appropriate to secure the immediate cessation of waste acceptance.
- The steps in the Closure Notice are not sufficiently clear or detailed.
- The Environment Agency has failed to have regard to the Landfill Directive.
- WQL was not provided an opportunity to make representations about the steps in the Closure Notice.
- The reasons for decision to issue the Closure Notice are flawed.
- The Environment Agency has acted unreasonably, and substantial unfairness has resulted.

If you wish to make representations on this appeal, you must do so by writing to the Secretary of State at the address overleaf within 15 working days of the date of this letter.

The Planning Inspectorate has indicated that the appeal reference is APP/EPR/24/688.

The Planning Inspectorate Environmental Appeals Team Room 3A Eagle Wing Temple Quay House 2 The Square Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6EA Email: etc@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Telephone: 0303 444 5584

Any representations that you make will be disclosed to WQL and the Environment Agency. Representations may be read out at any subsequent appeal hearing. We will enter representations in the public register unless you write to us to ask us not to.

If you ask us not to, we will enter a statement in the register saying that representations have been made but we have been asked not to put them in the register.

If you make representations on the appeal and the Planning Inspectorate decides to hold a hearing wholly or partly in public, we will advise you of the date and venue of the hearing. We will also advise you if the appeal is withdrawn.

Yours sincerely

Clive Wall

Appeal Case Officer & EPR Installations Officer Environment Agency – West Midlands

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