

- A resident asked about Foot and Mouth residue. It was explained that there are no records of any, but allegations need to be addressed.
- Measures will be taken to control rats and any other vermin through a Health and Safety regime.
- Funding is applied for each year and is provided by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

What will happen next?

- Large diameter boreholes will be installed (see LATEST NEWS above).
- Trial holes will be excavated in the waste to investigate the type of material in the areas which might need to be removed when the site has settled.
- Meetings will be held with the Environment Agency and other regulators to discuss progress and practical issues including classification of the waste given the presence of animal by-products at the site.
- Existing gas wells will continue to be upgraded and gas management optimised.
- Work will continue on leachate management.
- Design of new access road will be completed and application for planning permission prepared.
- Liaison with adjacent land owners regarding off site works will continue.

Further information

Future editions of this newsletter will provide more information and updates on the work at Manywells, however if you have any questions or comments please contact:

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More detailed information can be found on our website:

<http://www.bradford.gov.uk/manywells>

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Manywells Landfill Remediation Newsletter

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Photograph: Manywells Landfill Site



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Latest News

The appearance of the landfill has changed because an access road within the site has been upgraded (see photograph on front page).

A large drilling rig will be brought onto the site in late September or early October to install new large diameter boreholes.

- There is lot of leachate within the site which is not draining down through the waste properly. The large boreholes will enable the leachate to drain so that it can be pumped away, and they may also provide additional gas extraction wells.

- This should enable better gas generation, and will encourage the site to settle faster so that we do not have to move as much waste.
- It may be necessary to allow a further year or more for settlement. Therefore, if waste has to be removed, it may not be necessary to do so until 2009 or 2010.
- When the boreholes are being installed smells from the waste may be noticeable downwind of the site. We will work to minimise the impact. Please let us know if the odour causes problems (contact details below).

Management of the work

- Environmental consultants MWH have been appointed to work with CBMDC on detailed plans for site remediation.
- The project team now comprises: Bradford Council officers from Environmental Protection, Major Works, Waste Management, Safety Team; geotechnical advisors and MWH.
- The “Vision” for the project team is to “achieve a sustainable solution and acceptable landform, in a safe and minimally disruptive manner”. This means that we want the site to settle as much as possible to minimise the amount of waste we have to remove.

Progress

- Fencing has been installed along the boundary of the bridle path.
- Council officers have met with the State Veterinary Service and the Environment Agency to discuss how to deal with Animal By-Product waste.
- Additional gas extraction points have been installed across the site.
- A meeting has been held with the technical advisors to DEFRA to agree continued funding of remediation.

- The gas extracted from the tip still contains high levels of carbon dioxide which means that it has not been possible to light the temporary landfill gas flare. The gas extraction and control system has been re-engineered to improve gas flow.
- Negotiations with adjacent landowners about access and filling of hollows in the fields are taking place.

Manywells Community Working Group

- At the last Cullingworth Neighbourhood Forum meeting (02/07/07) there was support for the proposal to set up a Community Working Group in which representatives of different sections of the community will be involved. This will enable us to work together to communicate progress and concerns.
- There has already been a good response and a meeting is being organised for those members of the community who have volunteered.
- If you are interested in knowing more about the Community Working Group please contact Brian Anderson or Ann Barker (contact details on back page).

Cullingworth Neighbourhood Forum

Issues raised at Cullingworth Neighbourhood Forum meeting held on 2 July 2007

- A resident suggested that progress on many items is very slow and a Ward Councillor asked “Is the 12 month delay to allow for settlement or to reduce costs?” Andrew Parkin, CBMDC Principal Engineer, explained that the site has settled by half a metre in 14 months. Delaying site works allows this settlement to continue, and will minimise the amount of waste to be removed. The settlement is due to the natural biodegradation of material.
- Residents would like specific measurable achievements, and would like to know the progress in terms of the improvement and success of activities.
- Brian Anderson proposed the concept of local community working group, and residents were invited to be part of the working party. (See above).
- Some residents said that there are still smells coming from the site. Brian Anderson reminded the meeting to contact his office, so that the cause can be investigated.
- Residents asked about any identifiable health risks for local residents. Brian Anderson explained that although the risks are considered negligible, the Council is working with the Health Protection Agency and the Primary Care Trust to monitor any impact on the health of the community from the remediation works.