

Latest correspondence from FDC Environmental Department

The following was sent to one of the active group today 14th February.

Further to my last communication regarding our investigation into your complaint about odour associated with Saxon Quarry, I am writing to update you on our progress so far.

We have reviewed all the information provided by residents who have made a complaint to the council to better understand the extent of the reported odour problem. Using this information we have since undertaken a visit and inspection of Saxon Quarry where officers from the councils' Environmental Health Team met with the companies who are working at the quarry. We have identified 3 operators who are all undertaking different forms of business activity this includes site remediation, wood processing and preparations to undertake waste processing.

Due to the various types of work being undertaken on site it is important we correctly identify the source of the odour. As such, we have also begun a program odour monitoring to further establish the source of the complaints. This monitoring is taking place at times when residents have initially indicated when they have been affected by the odour so that our observations can be considered representative to those provided by residents.

In addition to being in contact with the companies at Saxon Quarry we have also been working with the Environment Agency (EA) and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). We have been working closely with these regulators regarding the current and proposed activity at the quarry to ensure the issue of odour is appropriately addressed and actioned by the relevant regulatory body(s). For information, the Environment Agency have been regulating industrial practices at the site concerning waste, treatment of contaminated land, conservation and ecology while Cambridgeshire County Council have acted as the relevant Planning Authority.

We are scheduled to meet with the EA and CCC where the findings from our investigation will be discussed along with an agreement as to what is required and by who so that the complaints made by residents can be addressed.

Following this meeting I will again be able to provide you with an update on our investigation so that, collaboratively, we can make sure the relevant authority is taking the necessary action.

Thank you.

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