

Saxon Pit: Environmental permit consultation opens for southern buttress works

The Environment Agency consultation on the environmental permit for the Saxon Pit southern buttress is now open **and closes on 24 April 2026**. This permit will set the conditions under which the next phase of buttress operations is controlled, including dust, noise, vehicle movements, waste acceptance and water management, for up to seven years.

You can view the application and submit comments here:
[PE7 1PJ, East Midlands Waste Management Limited, EPR/CP3723LV/A001: environmental permit consultation - Environment Agency - Citizen Space](#)

You can comment via email : pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk

Saxongate has submitted a detailed formal response to the EA, identifying specific gaps and weaknesses in the application documents, including concerns about the dust management plan, the noise assessment baseline, and the presence of non-conforming waste within the southern buttress area. At present, no decision has been made by the EA on whether this material will be removed or retained. Our response asks the EA to resolve this point and to require stronger, enforceable controls before the permit is determined. Similar concerns about the adequacy of the dust controls and supporting documents have also been raised by Environmental Health in the planning process.

We strongly encourage residents to submit their own responses. Lived experience from the eastern buttress works, including dust events, noise, early starts and issues such as mud or debris leaving the site, is exactly the kind of evidence the EA needs to hear directly. It cannot be replicated in technical documents and does carry weight.

We have also met with the Environment Agency regarding the lagoon discharge permit. The meeting was constructive, and we understand that permit conditions will be reviewed after 12 months based on monitoring data collected during that period. No consent has yet been granted by the Middle Level Commissioners, who have been provided with detailed technical information on the issues raised.

The first Public Health Oversight Group meeting will take place this month, with further meetings scheduled. Work has now started on assessing cumulative health impacts, which is an important step forward.

Please continue to report and log any issues you experience. This information is essential in supporting regulatory oversight and ensuring concerns are properly evidenced. With your help, we will keep working with the authorities to push for the best possible outcomes for our community.

We need to grow our membership so do pass on our details. People can contact us on saxongate2022@gmail.com or via Facebook if they wish to join :- <https://www.facebook.com/SaxonGatePE7>

Saxongate Residents Group