**August 2018 Issue**

**KT Recycling Gaskell House, 45-49 Rough Hey Road Rough Hey Road, Grimsargh, Preston, Lancashire, England, PR2 5AR**

**Telephone number: 01772 791791**

**Current situation**

We continue to receive calls from residents reporting nuisance incidents including odours, noise, dust and litter in the proximity to KT Recycling Ltd (“the site”) or directly attributed to the site. In response to these, we have carried out investigations, by a number of staff over several days in the area to verify your reports. These investigations will continue.

We have conducted an assessment on the suitability of carrying out dust monitoring in the area around the site. We have identified suitable locations to commission the monitoring equipment. This is currently proposed for Spring 2019 and will be in place for a 3 to 6 month period.

Odour monitoring continues to be undertaken to help substantiate your reports, this will assist us in our investigation work. Furthermore, an odour management audit was undertaken at the site at the end of August 2018. The findings of this audit will influence our next steps with KT Recycling, Further updates on this audit will be provided when available.

We are continuing to communicate with KT Recycling regularly about changes to both the site practices and how the site responds to your reports. We understand the impact that nuisance events are having on the local community and take all reports seriously. KT Recycling Limited operate under the conditions of an environmental permit (EAWML 54461). We require KT Recycling Ltd as the permit holder and operator of the waste operation, to take appropriate measures to control their activities in order to minimise any impacts on the community.

The two technical documents; the Odour Management Plan (OMP) and the Fire Prevention Plan (FPP) mentioned in the previous newsletter were submitted for review on the 17th August 2018. Further updates on dust management have been discussed and a dust management plan is required.

The OMP is being reviewed and comments will be included as part of the odour management audit report.

The FPP has again been resubmitted, this is being reviewed and a response will be provided to the operator early September 2018.

When the OMP and FPP are approved, these documents will form part of the environmental permit and will ensure that the operator takes appropriate measures. These documents will be reviewed regularly and in response to any incidents or substantiated permit breaches, further works maybe required.

We are working with partner organisations on all aspects where issues overlap, including with Lancashire County Council planners, Public Health England and Preston City Council.

**Our role**

An environmental permit provides the operator with conditions which must be complied with in order to minimise their impact on the environment. We are responsible for regulating the site for any emissions to air, land or water. We do this by:

- Announced and unannounced inspections

- Carrying our audits of the operator's procedures and methods for emissions monitoring

- Investigating non-compliance with the environmental permit and taking enforcement action

- Adding or changing conditions in the permit if required

**Reporting Odours**

If you are experiencing odours or nuisance issues you believe are from the site, first of all please contact the site on 01772 791791. They will investigate and take appropriate action immediately. If you are not happy with the response, or you want to report an incident to us separately please call our incident hotline on **0800 80 70 60**.

**Feedback**

We appreciate your calls providing us with information. We will provide feedback to people who have made reported issues. With the issues and reports of incidents ongoing more timely updates will be issued to residents and the Parish Council. This allows staff to spend more time ensuring the operator is taking the necessary steps to resolve the situation.

**Please email** **andrew.evason@environment-agency.gov.uk** **if you wish to be added to the circulation list for future updates.**