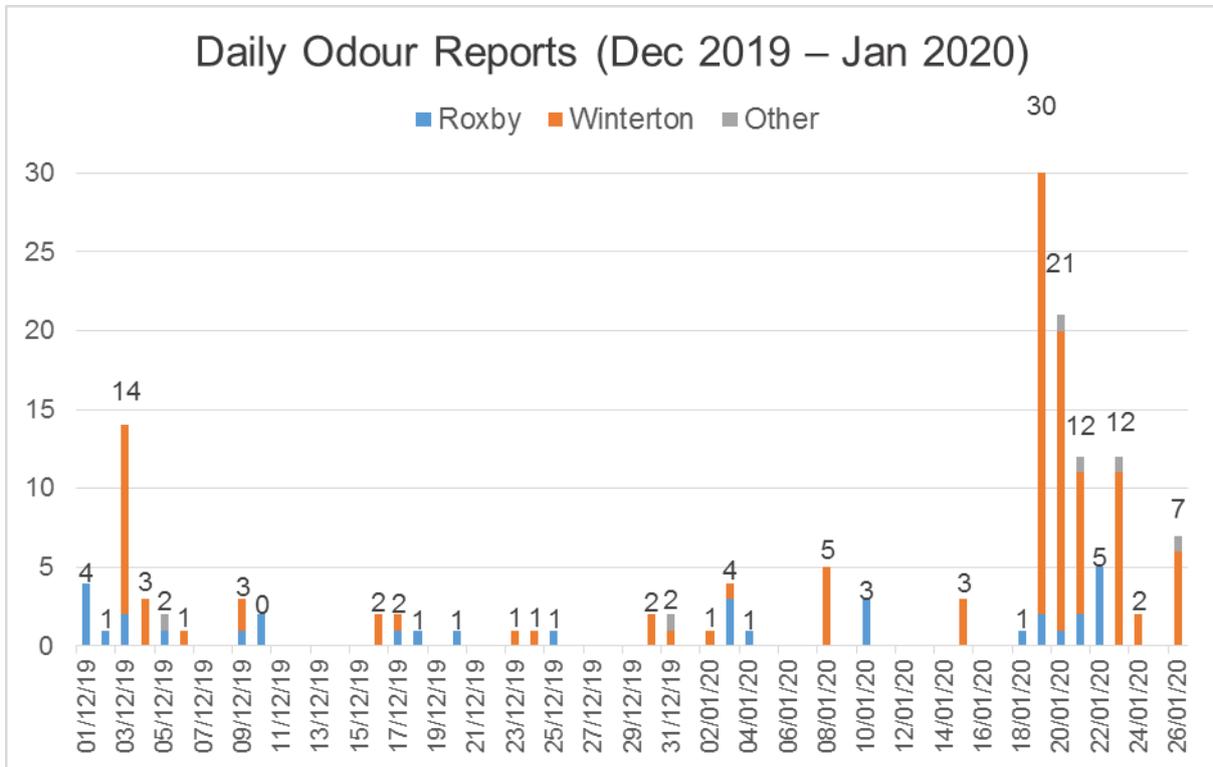


**Environment Agency Update
Roxby Liaison Meeting
30 January 2020**

Odour Reports since 1 December 2019



We continue to respond to odour reports through our inspection regime. We continue to provide feedback where we can, at the current time we have advised our National Call Centre, to provide feedback and reassurance to all callers, that the Regulatory Team in Lincoln are responding to the current concerns. It is important that residents do continue to notify us of concerns on 0800 80 70 60; the number is 24/7 365 days of the year.

Site Visits

Regular site inspections have been conducted since 3 December 2019 including olfactory and emissions monitoring in the local community (ie Winterton, Roxby, Thealby etc).

Off-site odour has been substantiated and the Environment Agency’s has awarded non-compliance scores including a CCS2 (significant breach) for off-site odour, fugitive emissions and for operations not in accordance with the management system.

A voluntary action plan has been agreed with Biffa to take the necessary steps to bring the site back into compliance, which includes the installation of additional gas infrastructure and permanent/temporary capping of the open areas.

A significant number of odour reports, predominantly from Winterton Town were received by the Environment Agency on Sunday 19 January 2020. The incident is classified as a Category 2 Incident, and the Environment Agency will seek to cover its costs in response to this incident. A full response was made on Monday 20 January to substantiate the odours/root cause. Further actions have been identified, and Biffa has been asked to provide an addendum to the current voluntary action plan to address these shortfalls.

Environmental Permit BW2951IM/V011

A permit variation was issued by the Environment Agency on 3 December 2019 to increase the throughput of non-hazardous waste from 500,000 tonnes per annum to 1,075,000 tonnes per annum.

Odour Permit Condition:

3.3.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved odour management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the odour.

Engineering

Gas Well Infrastructure

CQA Plan for installations of 15 gas wells has been reviewed and accepted – these wells have now all been installed.

CQA plan is required to be submitted for a further 16 wells to be installed, as part of a second phase.

Capping

CQA plan for permanent and temporary capping (circa 40,000m² area) has been received by the Environment Agency.

Andrew Percy MP

We have responded on 3 separate occasions to Andrew Percy MP, following concerns from residents. We understand a meeting was held between Andrew Percy MP, Biffa and North Lincolnshire Council (represented by a number of councillors) – the Environment Agency was not invited to this meeting.

Height of Landfill

Concerns regarding the height of the current landfill are acknowledged. ESID6a, which forms part of the environmental permit conditions, details the agreed pre-settlement contours. The current levels, as provided by Biffa, would appear to be compliant with the permit. The EA has also written to North Lincolnshire Council (Planning) to confirm the current levels are within the terms of the planning permission.

Vehicle Movements

Concerns regarding the number of vehicle movements on A1077, and potentially using Biffa Roxby landfill site, is a matter for NLC – Planning.

Enforcement Response

The Environment Agency has commenced a formal investigation following the increase of odour reports; our enforcement response has not yet been determined. The Environment Agency has a wide range of enforcement powers and sanctions; more details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-agency-enforcement-and-sanctions-policy/environment-agency-enforcement-and-sanctions-policy>

Meetings:

Technical meeting held on 21 January 2020 to discuss current operations at the site.

Community Liaison Meeting

Request to bring forward the community liaison meeting from March made. Meeting scheduled for today – 30 January 2020.