

WALLEYS QUARRY

PRESS INFORMATION

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Title: Weekly update

As part of our commitment to engage with the local community, moving forwards we will be providing weekly updates on actions that have been undertaken at the Walley's Quarry site. We hope that these updates provide information that the community will find useful and beneficial. We are committed to helping to investigate and resolve the current situation.

Over recent weeks Walleys Quarry undertook and has just completed an extensive programme of capping. Capping is used to prevent the passage of rainwater into the waste and the migration of gas in the opposite direction.

This comprised two separate projects, across a significant area of the facility. Permanent capping, constituting a layer of engineered plastic membrane has been applied to a prepared section of the northern part of the site. This area had been identified as suitable for this process as it was at pre-settlement levels (those levels which we fill to) and therefore no further waste was due to be placed in this area.

Alongside this extensive work, temporary capping work, constituting an engineered layer of low permeability clay has been applied to the southern section of the operational area. This location remains available for future operations but is unlikely to be utilised for a period of time and therefore was determined to be suitable for the capping layer to be applied to. The temporary cover has been extended into the northern and western parts of the site, increasing the area of site with a capped layer.

This recent programme has meant that an additional 31,000 m² of Walleys Quarry has now been permanently or temporarily capped, to put this into perspective, that is almost the size of three football pitches that has been capped.

We will continue with our programme of works on the site and will continue to endeavour to work constructively with all agencies, council and community.

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Notes to editors:

Website: <https://www.walleysquarry.co.uk>

About Walleys Quarry:

Walleys Quarry in Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Staffordshire is a landfill site, offering safe disposal of waste that cannot otherwise be re-used or recycled.