

WALLEYS QUARRY

PRESS INFORMATION

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Our commitment is to be clear and transparent in keeping you up to date on our progress and investigating the current situation at Walleys Quarry.

On 27th and 28th February and 6th and 7th March 2021, there was a sudden increase in complaints. Following our initial investigation, we found these incidents happened without any unusual operational activity at the site being the cause. At this time, we also found that hydrogen sulphide was present in the groundwater which is pumped from underneath the site as part of the environmental control measures in place. As a result of these combined events, we quickly sought the view of an independent technical expert and commissioned MJCA, an environmental consultancy, to investigate the potential cause of the increase in complaints over these periods.

After an intense, ongoing, technical 10-week investigation, the 153-page report ([click here to view report](#)) by MJCA finds that while hydrogen sulphide can result from landfill activity, an alternative potential source of hydrogen sulphide exists, including it being naturally present in the groundwater as the result of historical geological faults, mineral deposits and mining activity in the area. A full breakdown of the report's conclusions can be seen in Section 5.

This takes us one step further towards identifying the potential sources of the issue. We also remain committed to doing everything possible on behalf of the local community to ensure the situation is remedied as soon as possible. We have shared the report with the Environment Agency and Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council and will continue to work with their partner agencies and keep residents up to date with developments.

Please see our website's <http://walleysquarry.co.uk/> Q&A document if you have any questions about the report.

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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.