

WALLEYS QUARRY

PRESS INFORMATION

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Capping

Walleys Quarry has updated the Capping and Phasing Plan over the last few months, which is part of our normal annual review process. The updated Capping and Phasing Plan has now been substantively agreed with the Environment Agency. There will be a section of *permanent capping* applied to the eastern flank in Q2 2022, which will use plastic membrane as the capping media.

The Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Plan in relation to the capping proposals has been submitted to the Environment Agency and we are awaiting feedback and approval. In anticipation of the approval being received, Walleys Quarry has progressed the capping proposals to expedite the eastern capping works and ensure that the materials needed for the capping works are secured in a variable and challenging market.

There is strong justification to temporarily cap the eastern flank with clay and then permanently cap the area at a later stage, which in the circumstances would be the normal in landfill operations. In spite of this we have made the decision to move directly to permanent cap on the eastern flank of the site nearest to the Galingale Estate.

The primary reason is that in temporarily capping this area, further engineering and operations would be required at a future point to permanently cap the eastern flank which has the potential to cause additional disruption. We are keen to avoid this and have therefore made this decision to install the permanent plastic membrane to prevent this requirement.

In addition to the works on the eastern flank, Walleys Quarry Ltd shall also be applying temporary capping to an area on the western flank of the site as part of our capping works this year. In this area it is not technically feasible to permanently cap at this stage.

Once approved, the works will be progressed in line with our approved plans, and we will continue to keep you updated as the works progress.

Walleys Quarry Ltd has commenced the preliminary works in the area of the eastern flank, by trimming and covering the flank in preparation for the capping works to commence in full in April 2022. We anticipate capping works will be completed in Q2 2022.

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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.