

WALLEYS QUARRY

PRESS INFORMATION

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In line with the Capping and Phasing plan, Walleys Quarry are continuing to install capping systems to several significant areas of the Walleys Quarry facility. Capping systems are deployed to areas of the site which are either at the agreed pre-settlement levels (permanent capping) or in areas where it is unlikely that landfill operations will be undertaken for a significant period (temporary capping).

Within the area Cell 3 (Phase 1 capping 2022), an area of up to 28,000m² is currently being undergoing the installation of a permanent capping system. This area of site borders the eastern and northern flanks of the facility. Active waste deposition in these areas has reached the pre-settlement levels, with the area being trimmed to allow the installation of the LLDPE permanent cap. This is supported by the installation of protective soils above and below the cap, and a geofabric underneath the LLDPE plastic cap.

Within Cell 1 (Phase 1 capping 2022) a significant area of the western flank has been capped with very low permeability, engineering clay. The clay, which is sourced locally within Newcastle-under-Lyme has been laid in a continuous layer over the western flank, immediately adjacent to the main site entrance. This area of capping is now complete.

Both capping systems have been subject to the rigorous process of "Construction Quality Assurance", produced by independent engineering consults and agreed with the Environment Agency.

We welcome the Environmental Agency (EA) updated on the Regulation 36 Enforcement Notice, relating to Walleys Quarry's waste acceptance procedures, served to the operator on 10th May. As of 4th July, the Enforcement Notice was withdrawn by the EA and they explain in their weekly report, 'Walleys Quarry Ltd submitted revised waste acceptance procedures that mean we are satisfied that its environmental management system identifies and minimises the risk of pollution from odour. The procedures reflect European and Environment Agency landfill guidance'.

The report also notes that capping work on Phase 2 of the north-west corner of the site is complete, and that its continued air-quality monitoring showed hydrogen sulphide levels did not exceed WHO guidelines at any time over the past week.

Click on the report from the EA to find out more

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/west-midlands/walleys-quarry-landfill-sliverdale/>

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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.