

MINUTES

BROWNS PLAINS LANDFILL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING OF

5 DECEMBER 2017

ATTENDEES: B Lee (Health Environment & Waste Branch - HEW)
R Oakley (HEW)
W Cox (Community Representative)

The meeting commenced at 1:05pm.

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Dalley, M Asnicar (Manager HEW), L Boyd (Community Representative), B Chambers (Community Representative) and J Ooms (Community Representative)

J A Lee, N Martin, L Miller, D Moore, P Cohen, E Koch, F and M Laughton, G Williams, A and H Priday, D Eldridge, L Ross, L and M Blunt and S Baker, S Gaunt, Mr Jonsen, (all Community Representatives) did not attend.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

R Oakley confirmed that the distributed minutes of the previous meeting (on 20 June 2017) were an accurate record.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Landfill Odour

Prior to proceeding with the usual review, B Lee recorded some input received from L Boyd along with her attendance apology:

We seem to be getting more smell at our residence over the last 12 months than we have over the previous years. I only text you with smell for the vaporisers, please record my texts and I am not looking forward to the summer heat and humidity with the smell.

B Lee reported that there have been 57 complaints received between 1 December 2016 and 30 November 2017 compared to 18 between 1 December 2015 and 30 November 2016.

There were 27 odour complaints received during the three-month period of September to November 2017. This compared to 10 for the same three-month period the previous year. Details of the 27 recent complaints were as follows:

September 2017

There were six odour complaints recorded in September 2017:

- 12/09/17 - 3.10pm - St James Cct --An officer attended the landfill and consulted with the tip face team and established that there hadn't recently been any bad odour loads. An officer visited the resident's property and couldn't detect any odour - but did detect an odour at a strength of approximately 4/10 nearby. The odour control system was turned on by the grounds team.

- 12/09/17 - 3.10pm - St James Cct - See above.
- 22/09/17 - 2.05pm - St James Cct - An officer attended the resident's area from 2.25 to 2.35pm. Wind was mainly from the east with no odour but occasionally swung to be from the north and strong odour detected. Attended Volstead Road and St James Cct soon after and odour just as strong and more frequent. Tip face operators advised that no abnormal odorous loads received between 2 and 2.30pm and the tipface was at its usual operating size. The odour control system was started a short time after receipt of the call. With the possible storm approaching and strong winds, the odour if at all present was considered likely to dissipate.
- 22/09/17 - 2.05pm - Lamberth Rd East - See above.
- 23/09/17 - 2.45pm - St James Cct - It was a Saturday and the matter was referred to an on-site Supervisor. The officer established that no bad odour loads had been recently been received. He attended Volstead Rd and St James Court and noted no odour but swirling winds in both locations. The odour control system was turned on at 3.15pm.
- 27/9/17 - 12.30pm - Colisa Crescent - The resident advised that odour had been experienced for a few days on and off. Arrangements were made for the odour control system to be activated. The tipface was inspected around 3.30pm and it was noted that size was minimal.

October 2017:

There were 15 odour complaints received regarding the landfill during October 2017.

- 6/10/2017 - 1.30pm - Volstead Rd - A HEW officer spoke to the resident, explained odour control system and advised that he would investigate and activate the system. The system was subsequently activated as preventative measure as the wind was in the direction of residential area.
- 6/10/2017 - 2.20pm - Tarrango Place - The resident advised she had just moved to the area a week ago. An officer called at the premises and was not able to detect odour at that time. See above for action previously taken that day.
- 6/10/2017 - 2.30pm - St James Cct - An officer visited the resident's home at 3.00pm but a storm broke soon after changing the wind direction. See above for action taken previously that day.
- 9/10/2017 - 4.30pm - Tarrango Place - A HEW officer visited the resident's home and explained the odour control system and complaint recording process. The resident was appreciative of the visit. No odour was detected by the officer during the visit, but wind was generally from the direction of the landfill.
- 12/10/2017 - 3.00pm - Call taken by Weighbridge Operators and name not recorded - Tarrango Place - A HEW officer visited the street and noted a strong landfill odour. Grounds staff activated the odour control system.
- 12/10/201 - 4.45pm - Call taken by Customer Service Branch and address not recorded. See above incident on same day for previous action taken.

- 13/10/2017 - St James Cct - Odour complaint submitted by email and received by HEW on Monday 16/10/17. Contact was made with the resident and advice on site works and controls was provided.
- 20/10/2017 - 10.00am - St James Cct - A HEW officer proceeded to the area to check the odour and a waste smell was noted in Volstead Road, No odour could be detected in St James Circuit. The officer spoke to the resident at 10:25am who explained that the smell had been particularly bad 45 minutes previously. Control measures were explained and the odour control system activated as a precaution soon after.
- 20/10/2017 - 12.44pm - Bayliss Road - For previous action that day see above.
- 20/10/2017 - 2.30pm - St James Cct - For previous action that day see above. A check of the area revealed no odour in St James Cct but there was odour in Volstead Road.
- 24/10/2017 - 2.20pm - address not recorded by Weighbridge Operator - The odour control system was activated.
- 25/10/2017 - 3.30pm - Colombard Place - Area checked and no odour noted. Odour control system was activated regardless.
- 26/10/2017 - 10.00am - Tarrango Place - The area was checked and odours were noted in Volstead Road but not Tarrango.
- 26/10/2017 - 3pm - Tarrango Place - Resident requested activation of odour control system which was done. An officer called at the resident's street and noted a strong odour.
- 31/10/2017 - 3pm - St James Cct - The odour control system was activated in response to the call. An officer checked the area and noted a strong odour in Volstead Road and a lighter odour in St James Circuit.

November 2017:

There were six odour complaints received regarding the landfill during November 2017.

- 2/11/2017 - 4.20pm - St James Cct - The odour control system was activated.
- 06/11/17 - 5.30pm - Complainant unknown as a resident left an after-hours phone message about odour but did not leave any details.
- 09/11/07 - 3.00pm - Mayfair Drive - Control measures being taken were explained to the caller. A check of the area soon after the call revealed an odour strength of around 5/10.
- 15/11/2017 - 12.15pm - St James Cct - The odour control system was activated at the resident's request. An officer called at St James Cct and noted odour rating it 3/10.
- 15/11/2017 - 1.20pm - Ryedale Street - The odour control system had already been activated due to the earlier call. A Waste Services officer called at the resident's street and did not detect any odour.

- 16/11/2017 - 4.25pm - St James Cct - The odour control system had already been activated earlier in the day. An officer visited the resident's street and noted a strong 7/10 odour.

W Cox noted that this was her first meeting and she had only lived in the area since September 2017. She advised that she experienced relatively consistent odours for the first few days. She made a report to Council at this time and received a visit from an officer who explained the operation to her. Since then, she has experienced odour every day or every second day, sometimes up to a few hours at a time. Odour has occasionally been experienced at night, and seems to be worse from Thursdays to Sundays.

B Lee remarked that this was a little unexpected as household wheelie bin waste arrives Monday to Friday.

W Cox advised that she has spoken to her neighbours and all seem to be having a similar experience to herself. For the last three weeks, however, the situation had improved, with the exception of Thursday to Sunday.

B Lee asked W Cox if she had noticed the odour masking agent. She advised that she had, but not very often.

R Oakley advised that the odour control system was activated as a precaution or in response to a complaint. He said that the liquid currently being used had a pine/disinfectant type odour. He also advised that, in terms of the generation of odours from the waste, the worst sequence of events and highest risk of odour generation was heavy rain followed by hot temperatures, air pressure and wind direction then played big part in the likelihood of odours escaping site.

R Oakley then used an aerial photo of the site to show where waste was being tipped at the moment, and how Council is working to be as far away from houses as possible over the coming holiday period.

W Cox asked about reporting odour on weekends. B Lee explained that during operating hours (7.00am to 5.30pm) on weekends any calls about odour go to the after-hours operator, who refers them to the Waste On-call officer, who can then contact staff at the landfill. With calls made outside operating hours, the after-hours operator will just record details.

3.2 Environmental Performance

B Lee reported that the results of environmental monitoring of the landfill site that was conducted in July 2017 were received in September 2017. The only exceedance of landfill licence limits was at one of the eight monitoring stations around the site. It was adjacent to the sports fields construction work.

Correspondence was subsequently received from the Department relating to the results. Specifically, they are seeking further information into the dust exceedance, and requested information on the dates and times samples were taken.

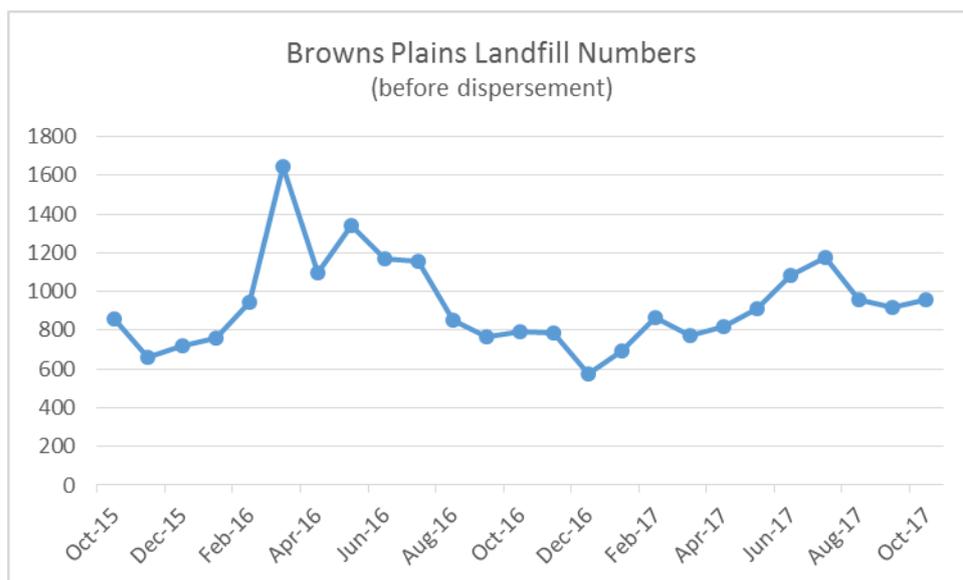
3.3 Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP)

B Lee reported that there was no contact with the Department, with the exception of the above mentioned correspondence in relation to environmental sampling.

3.4 Ibis Update

B Lee advised of the landfill licence requirement for birds to be controlled on the site, and Council's engagement of a wildlife management contractor for the purpose. Numbers of ibis recorded at the landfill site have been as follows:

| Average number recorded by contractor before dispersal | Total |
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| 2016 | |
| November | 788 |
| December | 572 |
| 2017 | |
| January | 692 |
| February | 866 |
| March | 776 |
| April | 821 |
| May | 914 |
| June | 1,087 |
| July | 1,178 |
| August | 959 |
| September | 920 |
| October | 958 |



There were no ibis complaints received regarding ibis during the September to November 2017 period.

A summary of the ibis control contractor's most recent report (October 2017) is summarised below:

- Average final counts of ibis were 958 after harassment activities - 4% up on the previous month.
- Three types of dispersal methods were utilized: 'car, horn and noodles' (72%), and 'car, horn and whip' (17%), 'quad, whip and drone (6%) and 'car and noodles' (5%).
- 53% of ibis initially observed on site were successfully dispersed off site during dispersal periods.

W Cox advised she hadn't experienced any problems with ibis.

3.5 Fire Ant Update

In late-October and early-November 2017 a number of fire ant nests were discovered in three locations:

- On both sides of the boundary between the Recycling Market carpark and the new playing fields; and
- In front of the Recycling Market car park entrance.
- Outside the internal entrance to the Recycling Market off the road to the tip face.

Biosecurity Queensland have attended and sampled the nests and confirmed that they are fire ants. They have advised that they intend to treat the nests in early-December 2017.

3.6 Invitations to Odour Complainants

At the Group's September 2009 meeting it was recommended that Council direction be sought on a proposal to send landfill odour complainants an invitation to join the Group. The matter was considered by Council at its meeting of 27 October 2009 when it resolved that written invitations to join the Group be sent to residents who make odour complaints about the landfill.

Further, at the Group's meeting of 25 June 2013 it was agreed that Council should ensure that invitations to join the Group are reissued to complainants who had been previously invited over six months previously. (It had previously been Council's practice to not send multiple invitations to residents making multiple complaints.)

Of the 27 complaints made during the September to November 2017 period:

- 6 were from existing Group members
- 9 were from residents who had been previously invited.
- 4 were from residents whose addresses were not recorded
- 1 was from an anonymous person who left an after-hours phone message
- 7 invitations were issued

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business, other than R Oakley offering, and W Cox accepting, a tour of the facility.

5.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 1.40pm. Invitations and agendas for the next meeting in March 2018 will be issued in due course.