

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: PETITION - OBJECTION TO THE OPERATION OF A WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANT AT LENZIEMILL ROAD, CUMBERNAULD AND REQUEST FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE PLANT	
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
Date: 29 August 2012	Ref: SM/EH	

1. Purpose of Report

Members are advised that a petition containing 352 signatures has been lodged by residents of Cumbernauld objecting to the operation of a waste management plant at Lenziemill Road, Cumbernauld and requesting the relocation of the plant.

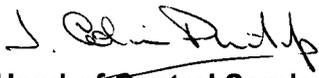
2. Background

The petition was lodged with the Executive Director of Environmental Services on Thursday, 23 August 2012.

In accordance with the Council's procedures for dealing with petitions, the Executive Director of Environmental Services will investigate the issue and report thereon to a future meeting of the Environmental Services Committee.

3. Recommendation

That the Committee note the receipt of a petition objecting to the operation of a waste management plant at Lenziemill Road, Cumbernauld and requesting the relocation of the plant.


Head of Central Services

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

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From: HEAD OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES		
Date: 30 October 2012	Ref: CM/AMcP	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report outlines the response to the petition received by the Council concerning the waste management plant located at Lenziemill Road, Cumbernauld, which is the subject of a separate report to this Environmental Services Committee meeting.

2. Background

- 2.1 The waste management plant which is subject of the petition is located within Lenziemill Road, Cumbernauld and is operated by Dow Waste Management.
- 2.2 The site has planning permission to operate as a Waste Management Facility with permission N/05/00678/FUL having been granted by the Planning Committee on 8th June 2005.
- 2.3 Similarly the site also has the appropriate Waste Management Licence as issued by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the conditions of this licence would be enforced by Officers from SEPA.
- 2.4 The concerns raised in the petition relate to the odour from the plant, the visual impact of large piles of waste and the problem of flies and birds in the area which, it is alleged, is as a result of the open storage of the waste.

3. Proposals / Considerations

- 3.1 The Planning Service is aware of the concerns raised by local residents, particularly regarding the visual impact of the site and the sorting of waste in the open, and is in a continuing dialogue with Dow Waste Management on these matters. The complaints received from the local residents all relate to the open storage of the waste and consequently the focus of these recent discussions has been to see what additional measures could be taken on site to address the visual impacts and what alternatives there are to the initial sorting of waste in the open.
- 3.2 In response to these particular concerns, Dow Waste Management is proposing additional screening measures and the construction of a new building. Consideration is also being given to alterations to the means of access to the site which may mean that internal site traffic would not circulate between the building and the rail line as it does at present (further discussions on this matter are required with the Council's Traffic & Transportation Section).
- 3.3 It is anticipated that the Council shall shortly be in receipt of a planning application covering the construction of the new building and additional screening measures. Although the proposals appear to be acceptable in planning terms they need to be properly assessed through consideration of a planning application. The measures being undertaken will also

address the concerns of other organisations such as a SEPA, and if planning permission is granted, it is understood that Dow Waste Management will proceed with the works and the Planning Service and others will encourage them to do so.

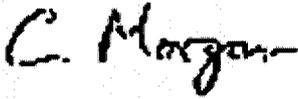
- 3.4 The number of complaints received by the Council's Pest Control Service has also been analysed, and there does not appear to be any specific increase in complaints relevant to birds, flies or other insects within the specific area surrounding the waste management plant compared with other areas throughout the Council area.

4. Corporate Considerations

- 4.1 This report has been prepared in conjunction with the Planning and Development Service.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.
- 5.2 That discussion continues with Dow Waste Management to progress the necessary changes to reduce the impact on surrounding residents.
- 5.3 That the Planning and Development Service shall keep local residents and elected members informed of the progress with the proposed developments at the site.



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