

Whilst we hope that the service of this Notice will focus minds at the site and there will not be any further odour issues, we understand that there is also concern in the community about the health effects of Hydrogen Sulphide exposure. In our discussions with Public Health England it is apparent the odour detection threshold (that is the level at which it creates an odour detectable to humans) for Hydrogen Sulphide is significantly lower than the threshold for health concern, however we acknowledge that we have not been able to confirm what levels in the community have actually been during recent weeks. Therefore we are also in the process of hiring equipment that officers from the Environmental Protection Team will be able to use to confirm levels of Hydrogen Sulphide in the community should there be any further problems, in order to allay concerns over health impacts or, if it becomes the case, seek immediate resolution, working with Public Health England should any health thresholds be reached. We will also continue to liaise with Public Health England more generally over this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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