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**Sent:** 06 February 2024 16:47  
**To:** CRABB, Stephen  
**Cc:** Manley, Huwel; Drayton, Caroline  
**Subject:** Update regarding Withyhedge Landfill

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Dear Stephen,

We wanted to provide you with an update on our latest position regarding the situation at Withyhedge Landfill. As you are aware we have been in dialogue with the operators regarding both the cause of the odour issues, as well as other matters on site, and their proposed actions going forward.

The operators had recently submitted a proposal seeking to reprofile and cap the recently deposited waste in a way that would not be compliant with their permit. This was developed by RML Ltd as a means to address asks from other organisations and public representatives to reduce odour as quickly as possible. We have carried out thorough reviews of the information submitted by RML and taken into consideration the short term gains suggested will be achieved as well as the potential impacts and risks in the medium to long term. As a result we have informed RML Ltd that we cannot accept their proposal and have instructed RML Ltd to come back into compliance with their permit with regard to this waste.

We understand the operator had shared timescales with the public in advance of any formal agreement of their plans. Based on information submitted previously by RML Ltd we believe the requirement to come back into compliance with their permit should not delay these timescales beyond 3 weeks. We have requested RML Ltd confirm this. We recognise this is likely to result in continued odour emissions during these works and have requested that all efforts to mitigate the impact from site are continued during that time. We will be formalising these requests in a notice to support the site in focussing their efforts on returning to compliance.

We recognise the impact the odour issues from site are having on the surrounding community and wish to ensure the situation is managed in a compliant and sustainable way in both the short and long term. We believe a return to compliance now will support this and does not represent a significant risk of future disruption to the community.

Kind regards,

**Huwel Manley**

**Pennaeth Gweithrediadau De Orllewin Cymru** / Head of Operations South West Wales

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