

KT Recycling Limited, Gaskell House, Grimsargh, Preston

8 June 2018

Community Update

Current Action

We know that the KT Recycling Ltd site in Grimsargh is causing concern within the local community. We have received a number of calls from residents reporting incidents of nuisance including odours, noise and litter from the site. We would like to stress that we take all such calls seriously. We have been working with the site operator to look at how they can reduce these nuisance incidents from the site and improve how they respond to pollution reports.

KT Recycling Ltd operate under an Environment Agency environmental permit. An environmental permit sets out conditions that the site operator must comply with in order to minimise their impact on the environment. As part of this, the company has already spent a significant amount on site infrastructure and suitable plant and equipment. This has helped to ensure waste is processed quickly and efficiently, reducing odour, noise and litter. However, we recognise that the company still need to make further improvements.

KT Recycling Ltd took over the site in January 2017 and inherited a number of issues from the previous company that operated the site. Some of these issues were caused by historical waste deposits. Following instructions from us, the company have now removed this waste.

The operator has completed an Odour Management Plan (OMP) and a Fire Prevention Plan (FPP) for the site. These plans show how the company intend to reduce odour and fire risk, for example by limiting the amount and location of waste on site. We have told the operator that these plans need further work on them before we can approve them. We expect the operator to let us have re-drafted versions imminently. Once approved, the OMP and FPP will form part of the environmental permit. They will be reviewed regularly and changes made if further improvements are needed.

The company has also repaired and replaced the litter netting that we highlighted was damaged. While we have not been able to substantiate any significant dust or litter issues from the site, we will continue to keep this under review.

We would like to re-assure residents that we will continue to monitor the site closely.

Our role

We are responsible for regulating the site using the conditions in the site's environmental permit. These cover emissions to air, land or water. We do this by:

- Announced and unannounced inspections.
- Carrying our audits of the operator's procedures and methods for emissions monitoring.
- Investigating non-compliance with the environmental permit and taking enforcement action.
- Adding or changing conditions in the permit if required.

customer service line
03708 506 506

incident hotline
0800 80 70 60

floodline
03459 88 11 88

Reporting Odours

If you are experiencing odours or nuisance issues you believe are from the site, first of all please contact the company on **01772 791791**. The company will investigate and take appropriate action immediately. If you are not happy with the response, or you want to report an incident to us separately, please call our incident hotline on **0800 80 70 60**.

Feedback

We appreciate your calls providing us with information. They help us to monitor the site. We will provide feedback to people who have reported incidents to us via regular community updates and via the Parish Council. This will allow us to spend more time ensuring the operator is taking the necessary steps to resolve the situation. If you would prefer not to receive these updates please email andrew.evason@environment-agency.gov.uk