

BRYN COMPOST LIAISON GROUP - 28TH OCTOBER 2013

SUBJECT: MATTERS ARISING - REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

REPORT BY: INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1.1 At the Bryn Compost Liaison Group meeting on the 31st July 2013, Members requested further information with regard to:

Land Spreading Activity Water Sampling Comparison Information With Other Facilities (Appendix 1) (Appendix 2) (Appendix 3)

1.2 Landspreading Activity

The information attached in Appendix 1 on Land Spreading was previously distributed to Members and fully discussed and noted in the meeting of the 21st February 2011.

1.3 Water Sampling

A site visit to the Nant Caeach watercourse took place in August 2010, Environment Agency (Natural Resources Wales) Officers and Residents met on site and an initial investigation was carried out.

At this time there was some discolouration (grey) in the Nant Caeach watercourse at the location adjacent to the Dealcompact Land in Nelson. However, the results of the samples did not indicate the cause to be that of run off from land spreading operations. Further samples were taken and a biological survey of the Nant Caeach was commissioned in order to identify the source.

As part of the routine monitoring programme by Natural Resources Wales a spot sampling survey was also taken upstream from this location in order to assess any impact from Gelliargwellt Farm and the chemical results did not indicate any contamination from land spreading operations.

A subsequent report on pollution issues affecting the Nant Caeach, Nelson was distributed to Members on the 21st February 2011 and is attached in Appendix 2.

There has been no further sampling of the Nant Caeach since 2010 and Natural Resources Wales have confirmed that at this moment in time they do not intent to undertake any further sampling of the stream or the Nelson Bog SSSI. However they are due to conduct further investigations into Bryn's discharges, which will include sampling the tributaries to the Nant Caeach to establish any impact the site may be having on local watercourses.

1.4 Comparison Information With Other Facilities

Members requested further information on any comparison data with similar facilities in other parts of county.

A report comparing the Bryn Lane facility in Wrexham and the Bryn Compost facility was distributed to Members in February 2011 and is attached for information (Appendix 3).

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Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Landspreading Activity Report
- Appendix 2 Water Sampling
- Appendix 3 Comparison Information With Other Facilities