

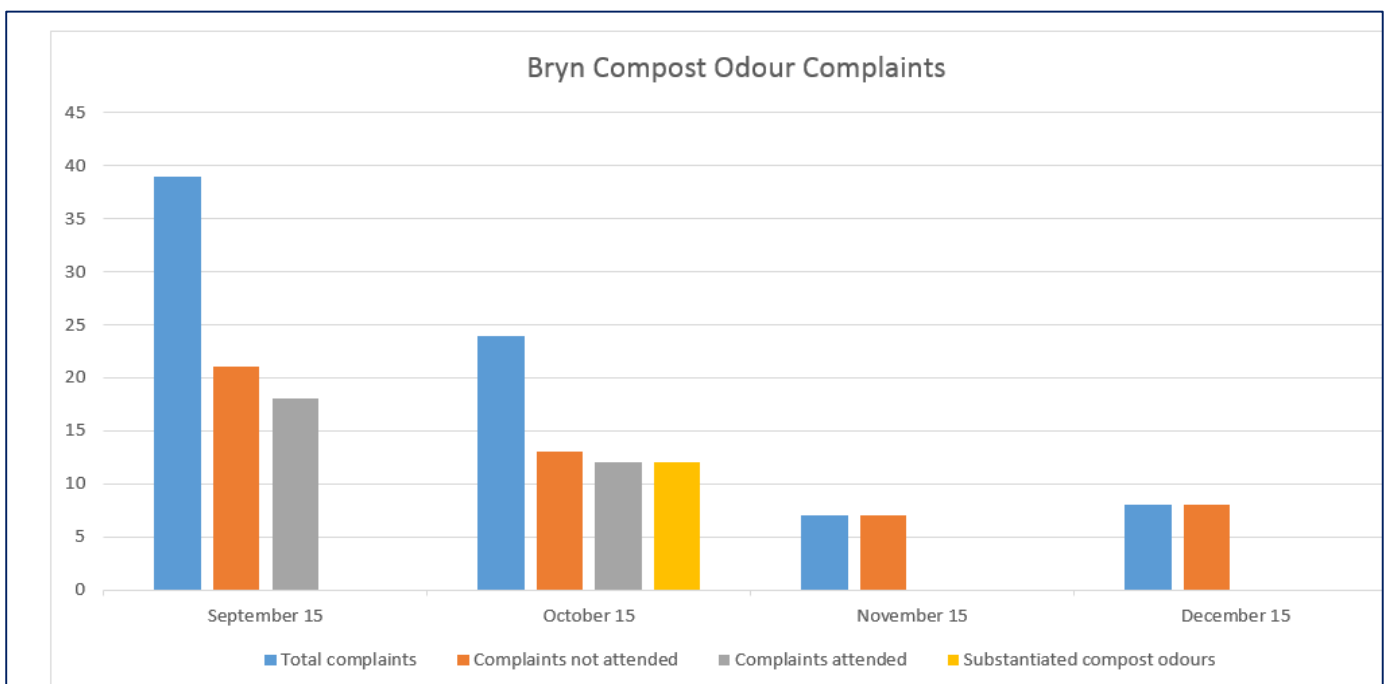


# Bryn Compost Liaison Group

## Liaison Group Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

### Introduction

In total, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) received 78 complaints from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. 30 of these complaints were attended and NRW were able to confirm that 12 of these were confirmed to be attributed to compost odours. Below is a graph and a table which illustrate the number of calls NRW has received and how many composting odours were substantiated.



### Key Data

	Total complaints	Complaints not attended	Complaints attended	Substantiated compost odours	Substantiated Farm odour	No odour detected	Compost events
September 15	39	21	18	0	12	6	0
October 15	24	13	12	12	0	0	2
November 15	7	7	0	0	0	0	0
December 15	8	8	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

## Substantiated Compost Odours

Both of the confirmed compost odours were witness in October. Information regarding these odours assessments were shared via the October Monthly Newsletter as follows;

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015, an officer attended site in response to a number of complaints received from residents from Gelligaer and the surrounding area. The attending officer confirmed composting odours, but due to technical issues experienced by the Environment Management Duty Officer, the attending officer was unable to follow site specific assessment procedures. Therefore, the officer could not confirm the cause of the odour on this occasion.

So that this does not re-occur in future, we have implemented a simplified, yet robust response procedure that will be accessible to investigating officers without the requirement for internet access.

On 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015, an officer conducted an odour assessment and confirmed a mild composting odour in Nelson. Having investigated on site, it was found that 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractors were completing an electrical installation in the IVC building and therefore the doors were left open and the bio-filters were briefly turned off.

On this occasion, we have scored 2 minor (Category 3) breaches of permit. The reasons for scoring these breaches are for leaving the door open and the operator not informing NRW of the electrical installation work in line with the Odour Management Plan (OMP). We have therefore requested that the operator updates the OMP to provide better procedures and to ensure NRW are contacted before starting any similar (maintenance or repair) work in future. This will allow NRW to help ensure the risk of odour release is reduced as far as possible during such events

## Annual Data

