

I would like to provide an update to the Parish Council and residents of Misson regarding the current situation and Bassetlaw District Council's (BDC) position in relation to the outstanding enclosure works at Tunnel Tech North (TTN) Misson. These works are expected to be the final step in ensuring that TTN are using the Best Available Technique (BAT) to reduce odours to an acceptable level.

In June 2019 Bassetlaw District Council proposed that a revised permit for the site was issued with a completion date for the works of 30th April 2020. Following meetings with Simon Middlebrook (General Manager Tunnel Tech North) and discussions with the contractors it became apparent that this deadline was unachievable. Work started on site in March 2020 however due to the restrictions imposed by the Government because of the COVID pandemic, work has been prevented from continuing.

Imposing the 30th April deadline would not increase the speed at which the works would be completed and it is likely that TTN would appeal the condition and it would take many months before an appeal decision was reached. During the period of appeal, whilst the condition would have remained in force, there would be a risk to BDC taking enforcement action whilst the permit condition was being appealed. Whilst the Council may have secured a conviction it would provide no practical effect in dealing with the odour.

Based on the above advice a date for completion of the works will be set that is realistically achievable and a revised permit issued to reflect this. TTN are less likely to appeal such a condition and therefore provide a deadline that TTN can actively work to.

The completion date must also take account the current effect of the social distancing measures triggered by the Coronavirus Pandemic. When setting a realistic completion date the practical difficulties the appointed contractor may be facing and issues with the supply of specialist materials will be taken into account.

A revised permit has been issued with a completion date for the works of 30th November. Bassetlaw District Council will reasonably consider submissions made by Tunnel Tech North due to COVID reasons and make a determination of a later date in accordance with that evidence.

Although I appreciate that this has not resolved the situation by 30th April as had been intended, our decision to set a revised deadline for completion has been made in order to achieve the construction of the enclosure works in as timely and pragmatic manner as possible. We will keep you updated as matters progress.

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