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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Resident,

**Regarding : Tunnel Tech North factory ~ Odour Nuisance Monitoring ~ October 2021.**

I write following the public meeting of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September hosted by Brendan Clarke-Smith MP and supported by Mr Mark Watson, Bassetlaw District Councillor, and Dr Mandy Walker, Chair of Misson Parish Council.

The containment work at Tunnel Tech North (TTN), required by Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) in order the factory can continue operating, was completed in March 2021. This was later than originally planned as the work was delayed due to issues experienced by the company; first over Brexit and then due to COVID 19. This work was required to prevent the foul odour caused by the substrate process being experienced by local residents in a way that limits any resident's ability to enjoy the amenity of their own home.

The Environment Agency is satisfied that TTN has installed the Best Available Technology (BAT) to control the odour nuisance. However, since March, there have been two serious occasions where complaints of foul odour have spiked. Investigation of both events was undertaken.

In first incident in June, part of the biofilter had dried out due to very hot weather. This was on the section facing Hagg lane, which was difficult to detect at first. This problem has now been recognised, and recurrence should be prevented by increasing water flow when the weather is very hot. The September incident was due to damaged air ducting, part of which is underground, and was difficult to track down.

The smell that emanates from Tunnel Tech is both peculiar and particular and, outside these two known events there are numerous people who have detected the odour at various times of day and in different parts of the village, often for only a minute or two, some for much longer. Whilst Officers of BDC may not have experienced odour nuisance on any of their 24 visits to Misson this year, the fact remains that this is an ongoing problem for some residents. We are asked therefore to undertake a quantitative monitoring exercise during the month of October 2021. A pro-forma is reproduced overleaf for this purpose.

We will drop it through every door over the next few days and attempt a data collection of what multiple people are experiencing day by day throughout October. The Environmental Services Officers will analyse whatever we can gather, and cross reference with the operations log at TTN to see if it is possible to match cause with effect. Do seriously consider if your household can support this exercise.

Please return your completed Monitoring Sheet to me at the end of October; through my letter box, by mail, using email, or sending a photograph to my mobile. Additionally, if you need your sheet collecting, please contact me and I will see that someone gets it from you.

Thank you in anticipation for your help in this matter. Whilst the odour nuisance is significantly better for some residents than it has been over the last 35 years, we have residents for whom the nuisance has never gone away and who are experiencing continuing problems. This latest exercise will help to identify the scale and extent of the odour nuisance still being felt.

Kind regards,

Barbara Lowndes

## Tunnel Tech North : Odour Nuisance Report Pro Forma

Name(s):

Address:

Month: Day	Smell? Y/N	Time(s) : some residents experience odour nuisance more than once a day. Please log each incident or record none.	Location	Duration	Severity (where 0 indicates no nuisance and 10 indicates the highest nuisance level)	Please use this box to add any notes you wish to record.
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