

Tunnel Tech Improvements

As Members will be aware, Bassetlaw District Council have received a number of complaints over the years about Tunnel Tech at Newington.

Over many years, the District Council has pushed the company to improve the site using the most effective, technologically sound and efficient equipment possible within the mushroom composting process.

☒ Tunnel Tech has now completed the works that were required to move the bunker refilling area indoors and it is now totally enclosed.



☒ With the area now being totally enclosed, the emissions are being processed through an acidic scrubber and a bio-filter.



☒ To allay the fears of local residents, the council has begun a renewed monitoring programme of the site to determine the effectiveness of these new measures and will continue in the coming months.

☒ Since the completion of the enclosure works there has been a reduction in the number of odour complaints received by the council and the majority of these have related to a localised odour problem in the immediate vicinity of the site.

☒ However, the council is still receiving a small number of complaints from members of the public about odour from the site and some reports saying it is stretching to Misson village.

☒ Following discussions with the Council the company have employed the services of an Environmental Consultancy in order to monitor how air is moving on the site.

☒ The consultants have provided a better understanding of airflow within the buildings and changes will be made to the ductwork and extraction system which will be completed by the end of February.

☒ In addition to the above work, the company will be installing heaters in the new building to heat the air to ensure that the effectiveness of the odour abatement equipment is maximised.

☒ The Council now believes that Tunnel Tech are very close to implementing the best available techniques to control odour from their site. Further updates will be provided as and when they are available.

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