

Frequently Asked Questions

24. Have risks to people offsite been assessed?

Yes, risks were assessed as part of the preparations before work began on site and as a requirement of the environmental permit and the planning permission. This is continually monitored and reviewed and is another reason why residents are encouraged to accurately report/record odour issues.

(Information provided by: Environment Agency and South Cambridgeshire District Council)

25. Is locally-grown food safe?

The Food Standards Agency have confirmed that the emissions identified from site are unlikely to have any effect on locally grown foods. They always recommend that fruit and vegetables are washed and peeled prior to use regardless of where they are grown.

(Information provided by: South Cambridgeshire District Council)

26. Why can't we see what is going on?

The activities being carried out involve heavy plant and machinery and it is essential that the perimeter is secure. Encouraging passers by to watch at viewing windows or platforms may put them at risk from nearby traffic and could distract staff on site, placing them at risk.

(Information provided by: Environment Agency)

27. What is happening on the opposite side of the A10

Located across the A10 from the main site, there is a waste water treatment plant designed to treat any contaminated water recovered from the main site. Site operatives are moving between these areas frequently undertaking maintenance and taking samples for testing.

(Information provided by: Vertase FLI)

28. Who is supervising and regulating the work?

The work is being monitored full-time on site by the international environmental and engineering consultancy, Atkins Plc. Atkins are present on site to independently monitor and validate that the work is being carried out in line with the appropriate permissions for the site.

The remediation work is being carried out under the conditions of an Environmental Permit, which is regulated by the Environment Agency. South Cambridgeshire District Council also have a planning enforcement role.

(Information provided by: Environment Agency)

29. What is the role of each organisation?

The Environment Agency (EA) has responsibility for regulating the conditions set out in the Environmental Permit for the site. The EA will also respond to environmental incidents related to the site including reports of excessive emissions or odour nuisance from the site.

South Cambridgeshire District Council have responsibility for regulating the planning conditions set out in the planning permission and are also working closely with the Environment Agency to respond to, and address the concerns of nearby residents.

The Health Protection Agency is a national public body, set up to bring together the various services offering expertise in protecting people's health from infectious disease and chemical, radiation and environmental hazards. The Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Health Protection Unit (the HPU) provides this service locally with support from a national team of scientists and toxicologists who review the monitoring results and provide expert analysis.

(Information provided by: Each Agency)

30. What do I do if the odour is affecting me?

If odours or vapours from the activities on site are causing a significant nuisance please contact the environment agency incident hotline, immediately on **0800 80 70 60**.

For general enquiries or concerns please contact either the environment agency on **08708 506 506**,

enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk or

South Cambridgeshire District Council on **03450 450 063**,

bayersite@scams.gov.uk

(Information provided by: South Cambridgeshire District Council)

31. Can contaminated soil be accidentally carried off site on vehicles?

No, the site is divided into a "clean" and "dirty" side which is segregated by fencing. Though there are daily vehicle movements on and off of the "clean" side of the site for site workers and deliveries etc, there are relatively few vehicles accessing the "dirty" side of the site such as for new vehicle/plant deliveries. Any such movements on and off the "dirty" side are wheel washed prior to leaving the site to prevent potentially contaminated mud being deposited on the road.

32. What chemicals have been found on site?

A list of chemicals found on the site was submitted with the planning application. These are available on the website **www.scams.gov.uk** (Click on "Chemical Site Clean-Up")

33. Where can I get more information?

The agencies have a joint web page hosted by South Cambridgeshire District Council for updating information on the remediation work. This will include a list of frequently asked questions and answers as well as an e-mail address for interested parties to raise concerns and ask further questions.

www.scams.gov.uk and click on "Chemical Site Clean-Up"

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The Environment Agency

Telephone: 08708 506 506

Email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk or

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Telephone: 03450 450063

Email: bayersite@scams.gov.uk

Vertase FLI have created a dedicated section of their website about the work being carried out on the site.

www.vertasefli.co.uk and click on "Hauxton"

The page will be regularly updated with general information about the remediation process and examples of other sites that have been remediated by Vertase FLI.

The site is managed by Harrow Estates plc

www.harrowestates.co.uk

who have conditional planning permission to redevelop the site.

(Information provided by: South Cambridgeshire District Council)

