

Bromley Liaison Group

17 August 2021, 6.30PM - 8.00PM

Environment Canterbury offices, 200 Tuam St

Welcome to the Bromley Liaison Group, a community forum to discuss odour and dust concerns in the Bromley area and consent compliance for the organics processing plant.

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions (5 mins)
- Questions arising from the reports of Environment Canterbury and Living Earth (40 mins)
- Update on the Organics Plant Upgrade project (20 mins)
- A discussion about odour and dust issues in the wider Bromley area (20 mins)
- Concluding remarks (5 mins)

Attachments

- Written response from Helen Beaumont to actions of the previous Bromley Liaison Group meeting.
- Environment Canterbury Bromley Liaison Group report
- Living Earth Bromley Liaison Group report

Any questions or feedback following the meeting can be sent to Bromley@ccc.govt.nz

Actions for Helen Beaumont from the Bromley Liaison Group meeting on 18 May 2021.

Action: A formal response from Helen Beaumont regarding what she referred to when she said that “not all odour would be removed with the improvements to Living Earth”.

At the Three Waters and Waste Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on 25 November 2020 I was asked whether our proposed upgrade of the Organics Processing Plant would solve the odour issues from the facility. In response, I acknowledged the facility would still produce an odour but stated that odour would be reduced to well below the offensive and objectionable threshold at the boundary of the site.

Following this meeting, Elected Members decided to proceed with the staff recommendation to upgrade the composting technology to industry leading standards, whilst also approving the construction of a new enclosed area. The new enclosure will result in all maturation and screening of compost happening in a controlled environment with process air treated by a biofilter. This decision was made to further reduce the odours travelling beyond the boundary of the facility.

Action: Helen Beaumont to comment on the impact of commercial food waste on odour.

Concerns around the acceptance of pre-consumer commercial food waste (such as chicken carcasses) at the facility and the potential impact on odour were raised a number of times at community meetings as well as in Council committee meetings late last year. As a result of these concerns, Elected Members asked staff to request Living Earth stop accepting this material whilst the upgrade of the facility is ongoing. No pre-consumer commercial food waste has been accepted at the composting facility since 23 December 2020.