

Organics Processing Plant Community Liaison Group Meeting

Agenda

6:30pm to 8pm, Tuesday 20th May 2025

Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Boardroom

180 Smith Street, Woolston, Christchurch 8062

Welcome to the Community Liaison Group (CLG), a community forum to discuss consent compliance for the Organics Processing Plant; discharging contaminants to air, discharging contaminants to water, and use of land to store organic matter and decaying organic matter.

Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction – Chair (5 minutes)
2. Confirm previous meeting's minutes – Chair (5 minutes)
3. Report back on actions from previous meeting – All (15 minutes)

Action 1a: Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) to update community members in attendance through email with the details of the 27 February 2025 community board meeting regarding future use of the OPP, once confirmed.

Actioned. In addition, David McArdle (CCC staff) emailed Paul on Thursday 27 February 2025 with Carol Anderson's (community) e-mail address to be included, and Paul e-mailed Carol the agenda.

Action 1b: David McArdle (CCC staff) to update the Bromley mailing through a newsletter with the details of the 27 February 2025 community board meeting regarding future use of the OPP, once confirmed.

Not actioned as community board meeting details not confirmed between the CLG and the meeting, but as above CLG community attendees e-mailed the agenda by Paul.

Action 2: Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to arrange a team member to go to Dyers Road to and Masons Road and look into uncovered trucks carrying metals, shingle, etc. as raised by Vickie Walker (community).

Lauren discussed with David McArdle and agreed community to raise concerns with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.

The Road Code states loose bulk loads being transported in a vehicle without a tarpaulin fitted should at no time reach higher than 100mm below any side of the vehicle.

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode/heavy-vehicle-road-code/the-truck-loading-code/specialised-requirements/loose-bulk-loads/>

Complaints against commercial operators can be made with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi using the following form. <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/contact-us/complaints/commercial-operator-complaint-form/>

Action 3: Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to share information on their work on dust monitoring for the quarries.

Actioned Wednesday 19 February 2025. Lauren e-mailed David McArdle (CCC staff), who included it as part of CCC's newsletter distributing the minutes on Tuesday 4 March 2025.

<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/2019/quarry-updates/>

<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/2017/quarries-under-close-scrutiny/>

Action 4: David McArdle (CCC staff) to share ECan Organics Processing Facility webpage link with the minutes.

Actioned, included it as part of CCC's newsletter distributing the minutes on Tuesday 4 March 2025.

<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/do-it-online/resource-consents/proposals-of-public-interest/ecogas-otautahichristchurch-organics-processing-facility/>

Action 5: Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to share an updated and more detailed timeline, including when things are happening, of the Ecogas' OPF consent application, and how it sits against the legislation.

Actioned, Environment Canterbury OPF website updated (link above).

4. Affected resident's felt experience reports and questions arising (10 minutes)
5. Christchurch City Council (CCC) report, including Ōtautahi Organics Processing Solution update, and questions arising (10 minutes).
6. Living Earth answer any questions arising from their CLG report (10 minutes) **Note: The report will be taken as read.**
7. Environment Canterbury (ECan) answer questions arising from their CLG report (10 minutes) **Note: The report will be taken as read.**
8. Any further questions about resource consent compliant for the Organics Processing Plant (10 minutes)
9. General business (5 minutes)
10. Concluding remarks – Chair (5 minutes)
11. An opportunity for residents to discuss other matters with the Community Board (5 minutes)

Attachments

- a. Previous CLG meeting minutes, Tuesday 18th February 2025
- b. CCC CLG meeting report, Tuesday 20th May 2025
- c. Living Earth CLG meeting report, Tuesday 20th May 2025
- d. ECan CLG meeting report, Tuesday 20th May 2025

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

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Executive summary of minutes

David McArdle (Christchurch City Council (CCC) staff) apologised for the agenda being distributed late and shared CCC have reviewed their internal approval process to prevent this issue from happening again.

Apologies noted for Bruce King and Tania Seward.

As per the Terms of Reference, at the first meeting of the year Carl Pascoe position as chair was reviewed and it was unanimously agreed that he should continue.

Confirming the previous meeting's minutes, Vickie Walker (community) requested a correction of her first name.

3. Reporting of previous meeting's actions

3.1 Community Board meeting regarding the future use of the Organics Processing Plant (OPP) site

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) shared the meeting will be open to the public and held at approximately 4pm, depending on other agenda items, on Thursday 27 February at the Community Board Boardroom on the corner of Beresford and Unions Streets, New Brighton. Explaining this will be the beginning of the process of how Council staff will consult with the community on this topic.

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3.2 ECan's dust monitoring pilot project for quarries and possible use in Bromley

As requested, Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) explored the possibility of dust monitors but shared there is currently no funding. Commenting they have not received many reports of dust and require reports to take action. Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) added they are currently working on their Annual Plan, and he can raise this internally. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) sought clarity if the equipment used in their southwest pilot program could be used, or if it's a budget issue. Lauren responded in addition to being a budget issues, that quarry dust monitoring equipment is used for ambience, whereas different equipment would be required to determine the type of dust and where it is coming from it. Yani suggested people make submissions to ECan and requested further information from ECan on their quarry dust monitoring to inform people's submissions.

Vickie Walker (community) raised concerns about uncovered trucks carrying shingle and metals down Dyers Road and Masons Road.

Action 2: *Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to arrange a team member to go to Dyers Road to and Masons Road and look into uncovered trucks carrying metals, shingle, etc. as raised by Vickie Walker (community).*

Action 3: *Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to share information on their work on dust monitoring for the quarries.*

3.3. Ecogas Organics Processing Facility (OPF) consent application update

Lauren shared she had provided David McArdle (CCC staff) with an update yesterday [Monday 17 February 2025] that there is 12 days left of the consent application processing time and a notification decision will be made at the end of February. Lauren guided the group to ECan's OPF webpage rather than ECan's consent search webpage. Yani queried the consent application timeline based on the information available on ECan's website, and the clarity of information including different numbers of days remaining to process the application. Lauren responded that she would gather information from their consent team and come back to the group.

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4. Affected resident's felt experience

Geoffrey King shared his odour monitoring data and commented for January 2025 that it is getting better but mentioned favourable wind conditions. Andrew Walker (community) shared there was a compost smell yesterday morning between 9am to 11am and it was the first time in a while and the following conversation between the community discussed it aligned with their green bins being collected.

5. CCC report including OPF update

David covered the cancellation of the OPP abatement notice from January 2021. Issued to cease the discharge of offensive and objectionable odour beyond the boundary, ECan have now acknowledged consent compliance.

The OPP site remains clear with the interim solution of the compost being sent to Kate Valley to be used as a landfill capping material continuing to be delivered.

Council continues to engage Pattle Delamore Partners (PDP) for proactive odour monitoring, with ten dates during this reporting period and no offensive or objectionable compost odour detected beyond the boundary.

As requested by the CLG, Council collated PDP's odour scouting, ECan's Smelt It report and operational feedback from Living Earth. There is some correlation between the different information sources but not clear correlation for all the dates in question. It was agreed the comparison will be carried forward into future Council CLG reports.

Alec McNeil (CCC staff) provided an update on Council and Ecogas' work that is continuing in parallel to the OPF consent application. This includes a Technical Advisory Group reviewing the design, and Ecogas' progressing their construction tenders and appointing staff to prepare for when the consent is issued.

5. Living Earth report

Jaco Kleinhans (LE) covered dust monitoring and low organic dust, replacing boundary plantings as they die, maintaining on site odour monitoring and no operations or material being stored outside, upcoming regular biofilter maintenance during the off peak season of April onwards, an operationally successful peak season, and truck movements being lower than expected with no complaints.

6. ECan report

Lauren shared ECan's quarterly Bromley odour update had been posted on Friday [14 February 2025], before the CLG as requested. Commenting her staff are visiting Bromley two to three times a week and not necessarily just Living Earth. The group agreed for the updates requested from ECan to be provided to David, who will share them with community through the Bromley mailing list.

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

Verbatim minutes

Chair – Carl Pascoe

CCC staff – Lynette Ellis, Alec McNeil, David McArdle, Rory Crawford

CCC elected members – Yani Johanson, Paul McMahon

LE – Jaco Kleinhans, Chris van Niekerk

ECan staff – Lauren Hamilton

ECan elected members – Greg Byrnes

Community – Andrew Walker, Carol Anderson, Geoffrey King, Vickie Walker

Minutes – Chantelle van der Merwe

1. Welcome and Introduction

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Opened the meeting and suggested a round of introductions. Then requested apologies.

David McArdle (CCC staff) – Tania Seward (community).

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Added an agenda item that needs to be dealt with, it's time for his position as chair to be reviewed and he asked if everyone is happy with him to carry on. Everyone agreed they are happy with him to carry on as chair. He also brought up that the agenda was sent out a bit late and asked David to explain why.

David McArdle (CCC staff) – Apologised for it being sent out late, there were some internal delays but shared they are reviewing their processes to streamline it going forward.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Commented that it won't happen again.

2. Confirm the previous meeting's minutes

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Raised the minutes of the last meeting and asked if everyone is happy with them or do they want to make any changes.

Vickie Walker (community) – Pointed out her name is spelt incorrectly.

Chantelle van der Merwe (minutes) – Apologised and noted that she will fix this.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected members) – Thanked the fixing of his name.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Asked if there are any other corrections to the minutes and nothing was raised. On that basis, accepted the previous minutes as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.

3. Report back on actions from the previous meeting

3.1. (November 2024) Action 1: Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) to inform community members in attendance of the details of the 27 February 2025 community board meeting regarding future use of the OPP.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Responded on Thursday 27th February, next Thursday afternoon, staff are going to come and talk to the community board, and this will be the beginning of the process of how Council will consult with the community over the future use of OPP site. Adding the time is yet to be confirmed but it is likely to be 4pm. Clarified this is preliminary, that staff are not coming with any options, and the meeting will be open to the public. Noting the aim is to get soundings from the community to make sure they get the community's input into how they will communicate with the community about what happens after the OPP is finally closed. Paul invited all to listen and if they'd like, provide suggestions to staff about how Council communicates with the community but also with the wider community, and what people have had to put up with for the last 16 years.

Q. Geoffrey King (community) – Asked where it is being held, here?

A. Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Currently it's to be held at the New Brighton community boardrooms on Union Street, where they usually have their meetings. Paul acknowledged that it would be preferable to have it over on this side [of the city], but it is what it is.

Q. Geoffrey King (Community) - Asked if it's 4pm?

A. Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Clarified the full meeting starts at 3:30pm with something else and there is something after that as well, but he believes that it would be [discussed at] 4pm. Advised to put 3:30pm in their diary just in case and added once he knows for sure what time it is, he will notify the group.

Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Asked what date?

A. Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Replied the 27th February, next Thursday.

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) - Suggested details are shared through the Bromley mailing list once confirmed.

Carol Anderson (community) – Agreed that it [Lynette's suggestion] is a good idea.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Commented that it may have to be delayed until a later time, so they will let them [the CLG] know via emails and make sure that they are aware. Then reiterating that it is preliminary, the very beginning of a process and staff are very aware that they need to start at the right place.

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Q. Geoffrey King (community) - Asked Paul if they will listen to the objections from the community that they didn't listen to 16 years ago?

A. Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Queried what Geoffrey means with objections, to what?

Geoffrey King (community) – Replied to the objections of the OPP being where it is. There were objections to where the OPP are currently operating 16 years ago. Claims Council and ECan never bothered to take note of what the people are saying, and this happens everywhere in the city. They don't take notice of what the people in the community are saying that live next to the facility.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Injected with what he understands is Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) is saying, to clarify for everyone. Effectively what he heard is Paul describe that it is a meeting of the community board, which like all community board meetings is open to the public.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Confirmed it is a public gathering.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Continued and added that you [the community board] are getting some indication from Council staff of the process that might be followed to ensure public consultation on the future use of the site.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Confirmed yes.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Continued and added that [his understanding is] there will be subsequent [meetings] to that. Once you've had a chew over it as a community board, there will be then a public consultation process which is where all the views of such as Geoffrey King (Community) is talking about can be heard by the community.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Confirmed yes. Summarising that the whole point of it [the community board meeting] is to make sure that Council does exactly what you're asking us once the OPP is gone, what do the community, you guys and the rest of Bromley want to happen to that site. That's the whole point of the process, so they are starting to lay out a meeting with them [the community board] to say what do you think about engaging with the community and they will make some suggestions. He would be happy to hear suggestions about the future, and what should happen in the future.

Q. Geoffrey King (community) - Asked if they are looking at another three years down the track?

A. Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Confirmed yes.

Geoffrey King (Community) - Commented if not four, probably five [years].

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Intervened that it will depend on the timeline, Geoffrey.

Geoffrey King (Community) - Commented that the previous one was supposed to be three years and that we are still here.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Responded that we can't fix what happened in the past, but we can try to make the future better.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Repeated for clarity, the public meeting on 27 February 2025, is the beginning of a long process of communication.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Confirmed yes and added that there are lots of steps between now and when the OPP closes and the changes start to get decided, so it's the first step of many.

Q. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Requested if some information can be shared with the community at the Bromley fair on 1 March 2025.

A. Alec McNeil (CCC staff) – Responded that the priority is now to find the best way to engage with the community, that's why it starts with discussing it with the board first, so that won't work.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected members) – Commented what will said on the 27 February 2025 will be said but shared his opinion that the best way to engage the community is to go where the community are at an event.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Clarified that we [Council] are not engaging with the community on 27 February 2025, but we are talking to the [community] board about engaging with the community. Adding that at some point we [Council] are going to need to get ideas from the community.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected members) – Replied that it sounds like something Paul should say on 27 February 2025. Clarified his point is that as the community board, they don't know what they are going to ask and they are probably going to say similar stuff to what you are saying, but they need to hear it from us.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Clarified again the 27 February 2025 is about the process.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Intervened that based on the history, Yani's point is well made. Stating that we need to take every opportunity very early on from a Council perspective to ensure the community can contribute and make points about the places they live, work and play. Summarising that he thinks the message from the community is to learn from the last time and not repeat it.

Q. Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) - Asked that given that the 1 March is after 27 February 2025, can the community board inform the community of the meeting [at the Bromley fair].

A. Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Replied that we [Council] are way in the beginning of it.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected members) – Added that he understands that but let's just say that we've met.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Responded that they don't want to make promises that they cannot keep.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) – Commented that all you doing is saying that the process has started.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Replied yes.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) – Added that at some stage you going to have to tell them.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Responded that he is very keen to have a conversation with people about what ideas they might have. He doesn't have any preconceptions other than that it needs to not make noise, not stink, not make lots of dust. All those things.

Geoffrey King (community) – Shared his opinion that [he believes] it will be a roading outfit.

Vickie Walker (community) – Commented that it won't be a quarry.

Geoffrey King (community) - Shared his opinion again, that [he believes] they will be covered in dust.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Moved the meeting forward.

3.2. (November 2024) Action 2: Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to investigate ECan dust monitoring pilot project for quarries and see if this is something that can be of benefit in Bromley.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Shared she has explored the option of dust monitors, but we [ECan] don't have any funding for that at this stage, so we would have to go through a process to secure funds for that. We haven't had many reports on dust, adding Bruce [King] reported it a while ago with one of our staff members.

Carol Anderson (community) – Commented that they have, she coughs all day – every day.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Replied that they need it to be reported to be able to do something about it.

Q. Yani Johanson (CCC elected members) – Asked about the southwest pilot program ECan did around dust and commented part of the problem in the Bromley area is that there are different dust issues from different operators and so this is the problem. People know it's there and they get frustrated because they are told there is nothing we can do. The idea of what's happening with the southwest, is that able to be used here or is it a budget issue.

A. Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Replied that it's a budget issue and also the equipment we need to actually determine what type of dust is and where is it coming from, is actually really expensive. So, we don't have the budget at this point in time.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected members) – Commented that people should make submissions [to ECan].

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) – Replied that the annual plan is in the process now, so he can bring it up internally.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Added that it needs to come through us as a requirement. So, the dust monitors we have available is for ambience, it's not to actually to monitor dust in the environment.

Carol Anderson (community) – Shared her opinion that dust is dust, no matter what it is, it makes you cough, it makes me clean my house ten times a week, so I cough all the time.

Vickie Walker (community) – Agreed that in her opinion that dust is dust, it doesn't matter where it comes from. Shared that you go down Dyers Road, all those businesses there that deal with shingles and metals. It's always being shifted and it's all going up in the air and it's the same down Masons Road. The trucks come to the quarries; there's dust going in all directions. I actually thought they were supposed to cover their trucks if they were carrying metals or dust, you know. I don't see too many of them with their trucks covered.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Replied that she will get a team member out there to go and see.

Action 2: *Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to arrange a team member to go to Dyers Road and Masons Road to look into uncovered trucks carrying metals, shingle, etc. as raised by Vickie Walker (community).*

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Added that he thinks that is part of the ongoing reassurance community keeps asking for, addressing Lauren, is that no matter who it is, which operator, to see that they are operating to their consents and not breaching it, that's the challenge.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Confirmed that they are monitoring all of those [consents].

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Commented that if ECan could review their consents and if there's a problem that's being caused. He asked if there was a project report in what happen with the quarries. He was just wondering if they can circulate information ahead of the draft coming out so people can be aware of what to request and get some idea of what the budget Lauren will be looking for, so people can make informed submissions.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Confirmed yes.

Action 3: *Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to share information on their work on dust monitoring for the quarries.*

3.3. (November 2024) Action 3: Lauren Hamilton (ECan elected member) to investigate a potential outstanding question from the community raised at the February 2024 CLG.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Replied that she has some answers around the planting consent, because we don't know what the question was.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Added as he understood from Bruce King (community) the question that was being asked was have they met the planting requirements that their consent said they were to meet.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Sought clarification regarding the planting around the border.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Confirmed yes.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Replied that they have, they just planted new plants now.

David McArdle (CCC staff) – Added that in addition to the update on the agenda, there is further information in the ECan report where they talk about compliance monitoring and what is getting done around the boundary with the planting.

Jaco Kleinhans (LE) – Raised that it is also important to clarify that it's a split site now. The border falls over two different operations: 244 Dyers Rd and then the OPP itself. The consent sits across both those sites.

Q. Carol Anderson (community) - Asked where it is [the boundary in question].

A. Jaco Kleinhans (LE) - Responded where the old green waste drop off area that was [located] on 244 Dyers Road. The pine trees between there and Affordable Storage. Running along the eastern tree line, all the way down.

Q. Geoffrey King (community) – Asked what the reason for the planting is.

A. Jaco Kleinhans (LE) - Answered in the original consent, that their reason for the planting was the dust and the visual blocking.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Added that the reason they planted now is because they weren't compliant with their consent conditions, so therefore they planted the trees there now to comply.

Geoffrey King (community) – Pointed out that the consent was 16/17 years ago.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Replied she knows.

Geoffrey King (community) – Continued by saying now we coming to the end of the whole outfit and we are going to spend a lot of money doing what we should have done 16-18 years ago. That makes sense.

David McArdle (CCC staff) – Added that he wants to clarify that there was original planting, and that ECan's report acknowledges that this was where gaps were filled because of trees that died, which is part of their consent conditions. It's just ongoing maintenance.

3.4. (November 2024) Action 4: Geoffrey King (community) requested to provide his odour monitoring data to CCC Bromley shared mailbox (Bromley@ccc.govt.nz) at the start of February 2025 for the next CLG.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Requested Geoffrey's data, commenting he was supposed to supply this before.

Geoffrey King (community) - November I smelled 12 times (seven 3 out of 6, five 4 out of 6). December, 14 times (eight 3 out of 6, three 4 out of 6 and three 5 out of 6). January, 9 times, getting better (six 3 out of 6, two 4 out of 6 and one 5 out of 6). But added there has been had lots of northwesterners and lots of southerlies.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Commented that if the weather gods are working with us as well at least the impact on the community is positive, which is the main issue here. Summarising it's better, it's not like it was a year or two ago.

Geoffrey King (community) - Added that we still have to leave our house and not because of the smell, and he will deal with that shortly.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Addressed Geoffrey, asking if he was going to get the figures in earlier so that they can go into the report.

Geoffrey King (community) - Gestured no.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Replied, no, as in don't ask for it? Okay done.

Geoffrey King (community) - Commented it's a waste of time.

3.5. (November 2024) Action 5: Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff), if possible, to provide feedback to the group regarding the reason for the delay in the EcoGas resource consent application due to information requested from the site landowner.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Shared she provided David McArdle (CCC staff) with an update yesterday with regards that there is 12 days left of the consent [application processing time]. Stating a [notification] decision will be made at the end of February and there is also a link to give find updates. Addressed Yani Johanson (CCC elected members), that she believes he was looking at the actual consent number. Mentioning there is a page on the [ECan] website that provides you all the details and is more useful than the [consent number] link and suggested that [the ECan website link] could be added to the minutes. Noting anybody can go there and get an update on the EcoGas consent process.

Action 4: David McArdle (CCC staff) to share ECan Organics Processing Facility webpage link with the minutes.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Invited Yani Johanson (CCC elected members) to discuss an issue he raised with him about the consent and asked if he wants to talk about it now.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) - Confirmed yes.

Geoffrey King (community) – Queried if they refer to the consent that finishes in a couple of weeks.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Responded that a decision will be made at the end of February.

Q. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) – Sought clarity on what the decision is on, because it's not a decision on the consent is it.

A. David McArdle (CCC staff) – Responded that it's a decision on if they are going to notify, that's the wording on it [the ECan website]. For the resource consent from EcoGas for the Organics processing facility in Hornby.

Q. Carol Anderson (community) – Queried if it [the decision] is whether or not they get the resource consent.

A. Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) – Responded that it's whether the public gets the opportunity to..

A. Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Continued the sentence, to be notified or not.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) - Brought along some props, the calendar since July last year when the consent was submitted, and he just wants to see where did it go wrong. We are now at February, so I made a timeline. The consent was submitted on 17 July 2024. ECan accepted the consent as being complete on 24 July 2024. He appreciated ECan putting it on the website, ECan said that the timeframe was extended from 20 to 40 working days by ECan due to complexity, which I think everyone would understand. The consent was put on hold immediately on 24 July 2024, as he understood it, for additional information required from the applicant regarding the approval of the affected parties written consent.

What I don't understand, is why did that hold the consent up from July to November to get that approval and it's really hard to follow the working days it's been put on hold, when it started. It looks like it got put on hold twice and then it got restarted twice and then the holidays came. But having put that all together like I mapped out everything that's on the website, everything that we've been told, and I get to 18 February 2025, today and with all the calculations of working days, we are at working day 44, so that's 4 days more than the statutory timeframe. But then we are told yesterday that it's still 12 working days left. So, I'm really struggling to understand how we cannot explain simply to the community what's happening in terms of the timeframe with the resource consent.

I mean I think what's clear it's, it's been delayed, it's behind schedule, construction was supposed to start in February, clearly that's not going to happen. I'm just trying to understand if there's a way, basically we know it's a complicated consent, but I can't understand why it's so hard to explain to the community where the consent is sitting in terms of that working day number and why there was such a huge delay. I don't think any of us were aware that there was such a delay on what seems like a really simple thing if you haven't got approval from the landowner.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Responded that I don't have those details with me now, but if you can give me that and I could probably get some answers to you.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) - Replied that he mapped it out and counted all the different days and it just make no sense. I guess the frustration is that if we want to rebuild trust and confidence in the community, then we need clear and concise information for key milestones, and I don't feel like we got that with the EcoGas part.

Q. Vickie Walker (community) – Commented she thought we were already going to Hornby.

A. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) - Replied that we are waiting for the consent, until they get the consent, there is no guarantee that it will go there.

Vickie Walker (community) – Well, we were told that it was going there. So, there's two lots of information coming.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) - Replied that they can't construct it until they have the consent.

Vickie Walker (Community) – That's right.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected members) - Continued that they were supposed to start construction in February, I think that's looking incredibly unlikely.

Q. Geoffrey King (community) – Asked which February

A. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Responded this February. But I guess the other frustration is that if somethings been delayed, then telling the community when it's been delayed and why it's delayed is really critical rather than wait for people like myself to try and be a detective and work out through a whole bunch of complicated calendars, emails and dates and I guess given what the community has been through, it's just all pretty frustrating.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Responded that she can ring the community consent team to find all that out for them, commenting she is not on that team.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected members) – I can tell you it very simply required more information. That's why it was delayed but I agree with you about putting stuff up. Having said that, that webpage has been up rather than going to the consent itself, which is in itself a problem for people going to look up on the consent, whereas there is a whole page.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Responded that even that page does not explain clearly when it's been put on hold, when its started and what working day it's at, and that seems like very basic information to be able to say the community, consents in. We stopped it and maybe you just need something else on your website that says that. But at the moment anyone trying to figure out where it's at, it's virtually impossible.

Alec McNeil (CCC staff) – Added on your [ECan's] website page it's not clear if the information, the stats don't add up. So that's the bit that needs to be addressed and when you get the enquires, we are really just looking for a simple answer.

Q. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Asked what working day is the consent at, we’ve had three different responses.

A. Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Responded that I was told yesterday that there was 12 days to go.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Replied that it can’t be 12 days because they told me on the 29 [December 2024] that it was day 37 of 40.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) – Intervened saying rather than interrogating a person that can’t give you that information now, how about the commitment that you will get that information and the information you’ve been giving me, that you’ve been giving me is making sure that it’s a lot clearer on the website too. Well, the fact that they’ve got a page, rather than going to the resource consent link.

Vickie Walker (Community) – Requested that that information be sent to her in an email before the next meeting because that is important to us to take that back to the community.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Replied that she would get a breakdown of it.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Summarised the request as he understands it, becomes an action point for ECan to make in plain, simple English understandable to the community who don’t understand the technical aspects of consenting. What it means in terms of when things are going to be done and how it sits against the legislation, is that right Yani?

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Confirmed yes.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Added that she will email it through to them [Council] and add what is happening when.

Action 5: *Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to share an updated and more detailed timeline, including when things are happening, of the EcoGas’ OPF consent application, and how it sits against the legislation.*

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Believes we need clear milestones for the site being moved to Hornby and at the moment, we’re out for tender the only thing we know is that construction is starting at the end of February, but it’s not.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Commented that when they say construction, it is not the actual building of it.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Replied but believing in it, like if you’re a member of the community and you’re looking at the report and the update, you’re going, great! Everything is on time and green boxes are everywhere. There’s not a single red box but we know the consent has been delayed and there should be a red box, and we know constructions probably going to be delayed, because it’s not happening in February, like we got told. So, I just think we need as much transparency as possible and simple milestones communicated to the community so that they can follow the progress. I just think that’s really important. And I still need an explanation over the landowner thing, because I don’t know why that’s such an issue to delay that consent for like four months.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Commented that it is resolved now.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Replied that it wasn’t resolved until 18 November 2024, so from July to November 2024 the consent has been put on hold because we didn’t have affected parties’ approval.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Added that it was requesting more information.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Continued, from the landowner, but anyone can apply for a consent over someone else's land. We've got people that have consents over Council land, and they don't own the land. I guess the thing is that it's a pretty fundamental thing to the process that people only discover when we start asking what's taking so long.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Requested we can get clear and simpler feedback and preferably take Vickie Walker's (community) request. It would be better before the next meeting if we can keep people constantly updated on where it's at, I think you'll get a better response from the community. Moving on. Let's move to affected residents.

4. Affected resident's felt experience reports and questions arising.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Any felt experience, comments you want to make, apart from the dust that Carol Anderson (community) has already raised. Are there any other issues for you in the community around the plant.

Andrew Walker (community) – Shared there was a compost smell yesterday, it was the first time I really smelled it for a while.

Q. Carol Anderson (community) – Asked what time was it?

Geoffrey King (community) - Added that it was strong, wasn't it.

A. Andrew Walker (community) – Yeah, 9 to sort of 11 in the morning.

Geoffrey King (community) - Added yesterday morning.

Andrew Walker (community) – That ties in to when we take our compost out to be taken away.

Geoffrey King (community) - Added it was a 6.

Carol Anderson (community) – Added that hers was really bad too.

Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Asked Carol Anderson (community) any particular time of the day.

A. Carol Anderson (community) – Replied, no not really, basically on Mondays, when the green bins get picked up. I generally noticed that it smells quite bad on Monday mornings.

Geoffrey King (community) - Added it's a question whether its co-insides with the truck pick-up time.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Agreed that's true, commenting quite often the green bins don't get picked up very early.

Carol Anderson (community) – Replied the other thing is off course, it depends on which way the wind is blowing.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Commented from Geoffrey King (community) data is a lot less frequently than it was. Other resident felt experiences please?

Carol Anderson (community) – Replied that she did go down to the dump the other day, and it was really strong the moment she went down Dyers Road.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Asked if there are any others. Moving on.

5. Christchurch City Council (CCC) report, including Ōtautahi Organics Processing Solution

David McArdle (CCC staff) – First on the report is the abatement notice, it was issued back in January 2021 for the OPP has been cancelled. ECan have notified Council about that. The original abatement notice was to cease the discharge of fits and additional notary on the boundary, which was a consent condition and ECan acknowledge that it's no longer required or compliant given the operational changes.

The interim solution, the site remains clear in Bromley and the compost is continued to be sent to Kate Valley and used as a capping material for the landfill

PDP [Pattle Delamore Partners], we continue to engage them for proactive odor monitoring. I acknowledge there is a typo there, the reporting period for PDP lines up with the CLG reporting period, so that's from 1 November to 31 January. During that period, they had ten dates of scouting, and no offensive or potential compost odors were detected.

Turn over to the next page, the community requested the table, so that's on page 20. This just puts onto one page the different odor monitoring sources. So, we have PDP's ten odor monitoring dates there, and the details. It's cross-referenced with Smelt It from ECan. Then on those dates, Living Earth provided operational feedback including wind direction. Looking at the table there is a date where PDP detected compost odour, and it lines up with a Smelt It [odour report]. There are some correlations, but there aren't clear correlations in all of those dates, but it's really just for all the data [to be] in one place for the community to look at. If you [the community] are happy, I can continue to do that for our Council report each quarter.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Directed the question at Vickie Walker (Community), asking her if she finds that useful, was that helpful?

Vickie Walker (community) – Yes, that looks fine. Especially with your wind directions and your tunnels whenever operations happen, yeah and the Smelt Its. It's good.

David McArdle (CCC staff) – Responded awesome. As I said there is some correlation in there, but not everything that lines up for when the Smelt It is received or on the day that PDP is there, and that can happen. The last two items in the Council report have been discussed in previous conversations. We've talked about the OPF, consent application and the future use of the Bromley site. Any questions?

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) – Asked regarding the tender, how far are you on the tender for the work to start?

David McArdle (CCC staff) – Asked for clarity, if for the construction.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected members) – Responded yes.

David McArdle (CCC staff) – Suggested Alec McNeil (CCC staff) is better positioned to answer this question.

Alec McNeil (CCC staff) – Responded that with Ecogas we've got a Technical Advisory Group where we're working through the design and that's broken down into different sections of the plant. So, we've had two workshops on that to date and the third one's due in March. Ecogas have put out the tenders, it's all their work, there's no Council work. So, they've put the tenders out for the supply of the equipment, and they've settled on two key suppliers to supply that equipment to them. They've also just recently tendered out the civils package for the, the ground works and the construction, etc, for the site. And again, they're just in the process of evaluating that and then they'll award that to whatever company is successful. So, they've not stopped even though the consent is still not granted. So, they will be ready to go as soon as the consent is issued and if they need to and if they need to modify anything in response to the consent or the conditions then they'll do that, but yeah, they've not halted their internal work yet. They're also bringing on staff as well, so they've brought on operations managers, and project managers and the design team as well, which are all to do with the Christchurch plant. So, they're beginning to scale up the staff as well.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Summarised that this is happening in parallel with the consent process, the prep work for the construction. That's what I understand.

Alec McNeil (CCC staff) – Replied yes.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Opened the room to further questions for Council and none come forward.

6. Living Earth answer any questions arising from their CLG report

Jaco Kleinhans (LE) – I see on the agenda it's stated as report read, but I can go through it.

We'll look at the dust monitoring for the period as ECan mentioned earlier on, and the community as well, we can see background dust, so general dust all in the area, but very low organic dust. So, November, December. Although it's very dry in December, you always get that average dust fall starts spiking. So, that goes up. The average organic dust fall is well below the limit of fall. Keep in mind that we only monitor the site. So, any background dust that we do pick up is from the area. We spoke about boundary plantings, and there's a section here that discusses the additional plantings that were made or done at 244 Dyers Road. So, on Metro Place at the OPP we still maintain that boundary planting. Plants do die off, and when they do die off, we replace them, but unfortunately, you don't replace them with a fully grown shrub or tree. That takes some time, but we do maintain that.

We still maintain our odour on site odor monitoring as well. So, although there are no operations on the outside, and no materials stored on the outside at all, we still do our assessment of that.

We will do a refurbishment of the biofilter again, in the off-peak season. So, now is not the time to work on it. It does require us to remove and replace the top of it. Just general ongoing maintenance and we'll do that in the off-peak period.

Andrew Walker (community) – Asked when's that?

Jaco Kleinhans (LE) – Responded from April, May, onwards, we'll start doing that.

Vickie Walker (community) – Commented they will close the pools and other places too, I see. The pools in New Brighton are having their maintenance about the same time as well.

Jaco Kleinhans (LE) – Yes, as it starts slowing down. The on-site operation, that is still, you know, still the standard operation, so, no changes. We've gone through the peak period without any, made some slight changes to the operation, but the transport works really well. Everyone seems to have sort of settled into a nice rhythm.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Commented you had a high truck movement season as well, didn't you? It was quite a high truck movement.

Jaco Kleinhans (LE) – Yes, it does, but we do less truck movements than we initially anticipated, which is good. That's where we work on those efficiencies.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – You've had no complaints about truck movement?

Jaco Kleinhans (LE) – Replied no.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Any questions? Right, Environment Canterbury, anything you want to add over and above what was talked about earlier?

7. Environment Canterbury (ECan) answer questions arising from their CLG report

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Geoffrey brought up the [quarterly ECan Bromley odour] report going out after the meeting last time and it went out on Friday [14 February 2025] from what I can gather. Our communications team sent out the report earlier.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Yes.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – So it came out on Friday, so that you got the report?

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – It came out Friday. Two working days if you include today. Asked if it come out earlier, he asked Geoffrey King (community) if would like it in seven days [working days].

Geoffrey King (community) - Replied, whatever.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Responded with a question, whatever, but not two [working days]?

Geoffrey King (community) - Replied no, well. Last minute rush. They've got 800 people working there.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Responded yep.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Continued, other than that I'm going to take this too is read, we haven't had many reports. We did have one report, and we have also done a lot of projects. I've got my staff member going out two or three times a week going out to Bromley. And it's not necessarily Living Earth that they're monitoring the whole of Bromley. So, we've got other issues with involvement. So, yeah, I'll take it as read.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Okay, we've dealt, is there anything else you want to raise about the resource consent stuff? Anyone who's thought we'd canvass it fairly well?

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Added, I'll get a timeline for you as soon as I can.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Queried if you look at what's on your website, like it's a...

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Interjected, that's the link to the actual consent. That's unfortunately due to our technology. That's why they've created the page, because we can't change that.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – But I think you just need to clearly chronologically explain when the consent was accepted, when it was put on hold, when it restarted, when it put on hold, when it restarted.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Responded could I do that on the website rather than there?

Yani Johanson (CCC elected members) – Replied yeah, you can do it on the website when you've got it. But it's important to use the dates that are given because when people read this it looks like it's been stopped twice. And then, like, it just doesn't, yeah.

Vickie Walker (community) – Added, and then also when you read that, it says, fully operational December 2026.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Yeah.

Vickie Walker (Community) – Which is a load of...

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Well, it's still could be.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) - The construction's starting in May.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – It's running simultaneously, so it's not as if everyone's waiting for that.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected members) – I think, like, my understanding, but, you know, staff might have a different view, but the construction of it, is relatively straightforward. One of the reasons that this option was seen as a good option, was that it relied on a lot of local simple materials to construct compared to some of the other ones that relied on a whole bunch of stuff coming in from overseas. As I understand it, in simple terms. They could still catch up, but I think the key thing is, the consent is delayed. That should be a clear message that's been given. But people are still working hard to get it, you know, get the timetable back on track and get it to that, to the end date. And just on that, will this group proactively be advised whether it's going to be notified or not?

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – I'll let you know.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – Okay.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Yeah, I think it would be good if you can, as this happens, stuff that happens between meetings.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Yep.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – If it's known, could be shared. Because, you've got the facility, David, don't you, to put it out on that Bromley site.

David McArdle (CCC staff) – Yeah, I was just going to clarify the best route there. What Lauren's done previously is email me and the Council staff, and then we can generate that into a newsletter from the Council to the Bromley mailing list, just to keep you updated.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Yeah, that'd be good.

David McArdle (CCC staff) – Yeah, sure.

Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) – Just one source of the truth.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Because if you get the sense of momentum coming in, it's quite useful. Okay, general business, anyone? Geoffrey.

8.General business

Geoffrey King (Community) - I have a question that's not related to the OPP. It's related to the wastewater thing. We've got the experts here. The midges and mosquito problems. It's at a stage where we cannot have our windows open at night or during the day, especially at night with lights on inside. They're coming round in. I don't know if you've been down South Westland, or into Fiordland and seen them flying around in droves, as you can put it. Well, we're facing the same thing. We can't have our windows open, and luckily, we haven't had a hot summer. That twice, because we sleep in the upstairs of the house, got out, got in the car, and got into Sumner and slept in the car, because of the midges. I mean, um, bite all over the legs.

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) - Midges don't bite.

Geoffrey King (community) - Pardon?

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) - Midges don't bite.

Geoffrey King (community) - And the mosquitoes, I said.

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) - Alright.

Carol Anderson (community) – Are you sure you haven't got a sign out there that says Party at Geoffrey's for all midges?

Geoffrey King (community) - Pardon?

Carol Anderson (community) – Are you sure you haven't got a sign out there that says party at Geoffrey's for all midges? Because I honestly haven't had that many. I've had some. Maybe it's the dog that attracts mine. I don't know, but I've really, I've had some to be fair.

Geoffrey King (community) – A few people have been complaining on Facebook.

Carol Anderson (community) – Yes, yes, I have had some, and I know other people have too. So, maybe it's, maybe sometimes they've got stagnant water lying around somewhere.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) - My 95-year-old mum lives in Shortland Street. So, this end of Shortland Street, just over, on the other side of the road, but where the plant is. And it's been pretty horrific for her. She isn't, she's 95, she doesn't have any... Just a small, no smidges. Hasn't been bitten, but...

Geoffrey King (community) – Anyway. Over here we've asked if we can have the shipping canal, and the pond sprayed.

Jaco Kleinhans (LE) – Oh, don't spray the canal.

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) - Don't spray the canal.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) – Have you been... Like, I've been down there literally every second day for the last two or three months. I'm doing trap lines along there and into the, from the windsurfer car park up to the surge ponds. I do it for the Estuary Trust and you want to see what's down there, Geoffrey? You wouldn't want to put any spray down there. The native biodiversity is incredible.

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) - And the birds eat them.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) – You want birds there and all that. It's fantastic. With the work the City Council have done with all that planting and the reserve and it's just so vibrant. You'd be amazed. Even riding your pushbike along the cycle trail, the number of birds that are wading through there.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Yeah, OK, but wasn't the planting meant to get rid of the midges?

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) - Well, there's birds in there, all sorts of stuff.

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) - You've got to wait for the plants to get up high enough.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) - But you don't want to put any chemicals down there, it's just wonderful.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – So, we were, at the last community board meeting, we were provided a lengthy update from Adam Twose, who runs the Wastewater Treatment Plant, about what they're doing, about the rest of their process, but also about the midges. I'm happy to send that, I mean it's all public information, they're happy to provide that through to all of you so you can see. So, and they're continuing to try and work on the issue, but yeah it's, it's not as...

Geoffrey King (community) – There's something about digging up the..

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – When they're lodged in the bottom, that's when they're, if they're disturbed at that point, that can, that stops them from multiplying. And so, they're just doing some experiments to see if that works. So, they're working on it, but it's, it's not, it's not as, unfortunately, it's not as simple as simply spraying over the ponds. You know, they're continuing to try and find a solution to the problem. But we've just had weather that was conducive to having lots of midges.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – And just in the last two years we've experienced them, you know, growing in numbers often.

Carol Anderson (Community) – And I agree with the mosquitoes. They're horrible. I agree with the mosquitoes. You go out to pick your fruit at night and there's lots of mosquitoes. But that's got worse, yeah. So, I don't know why, um, like you say, there might be water just laying around somewhere.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) - Yeah, we've had a pretty wet... You know, it's been, we've had wet periods and then it's been dry. But also, like, when the ponds essentially died, after the fire, the midges, oh, they stopped. Because there was nothing, there wasn't clean water for them. And now, you know, now they've taken off again.

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) - And the ducks are on there, and they love it.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) - Well, that's the thing, the more birds, the better. Because they'll eat the midges. Yeah, so it's a challenge.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – The challenge is then, is what Carol suggested to Geoffrey, he's got a sign, hanging out, welcoming for a party.

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) - I mean, it's you got some mesh doors.

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) – It's unfortunately opening, if you have open windows with lights on, that's, that's...

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) - Screen doors. Screen doors perhaps.

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – Anything else general business?

Carol Anderson (community) – Asked, can I just bring my old train down the street again? I am sick of the signage being totally inadequate to stop trucks and speeding. And when I say speeding, I'm not talking 10km above the 30km speed limit down St John's Street. They are flying through the...

Vickie Walker (community) – They've got idiots around us.

Carol Anderson (community) – Oh, I know we have Vicky, I know we have. But, I mean, this is trucks as well. And I have rung main freight so many times and said, can you please ask your driver not to come down here? This has got no business, because I've seen them enter from Macy's Road all the way through to Lynwood Avenue and then just hang a left or a right and carry on. The signage has been up there since 2014. No trucks.

Geoffrey King (community) - Commented that the lady to speak to sits next to her, but don't hold your breath.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – As you know, I, I've, this is something that I've had my eye on. And what I'm having a conversation with staff about potentially having some build outs. So, making the road narrower at the Mesa

- St. John's. and having a traffic island in the middle, which makes it very difficult for people to go past around that corner. It's very difficult for trucks to get down there.

Carol Anderson (community) – I mean, okay, if they've got business on the street, that's one thing.

Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) – Well, they're allowed, yeah.

Carol Anderson (community) – That's fine, and that's what the sign says. But it seems to me like the placement of the signs, especially on the St. John's, where Oderings is, on that corner there, the trucks are coming along Linwood Avenue and hanging a left, St. John. And they pass the sign before they even get a chance to see it. That is how it seems to me.

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) - To be fair, we've got a number of streets around the city where there are new vehicle restrictions, and they are completely ignored by all drivers. They are completely ignored. They are very hard to enforce unless you have physical restrictions on the road that make it hard for the trucks to get in there. So, that's what we're looking at as part of a different project.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) - Thank you. So, just a few things, in terms of the traffic. So, there is a plan that's being developed that is going to come out shortly around Bromley traffic. So, this has been something that's been going on for at least five years that I've been involved, probably a little bit longer. Where the Community Board's been working through to get a kind of plan looking at heavy vehicles, vehicle speeds, more amenity. I mean, there's obviously some areas where there's broken footpaths, no footpaths, lots of potholes, lots of dirt. So, there's a plan that's being worked on. My understanding is it will come out around the same time that Council consults on its draft budget for the year, so that's like next week, and please make submissions to it. I know it's frustrating they have to keep telling people make submissions, but council was asked for five million dollars on budget, but they refused but we've still got an opportunity before the final budget's agreed, if we get submissions to support it and that should look at, I haven't seen what's in it. The board will get briefed, I think sometime soon. We'll circulate that round because that is a way to address it. The bus issue: ECan should be aware of the Go bus issue. It has been repeatedly raised with ECan. They should have the data around how the buses are travelling, and I think maybe Greg can pick that up because even before they renewed the contract with Go Bus, I made it very clear to ECan that they were a terrible social operator. They had no concern for the community, and they should not have been given any contracts in terms of how they were operating.

Carol Anderson (community) – The interesting thing, Yani, is that they, because they sneak up St. John Street about 11 o'clock at night in the dark and think they can't be seen or heard. I hear them coming from one end or the other.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) - Yeah, all that data should be tracked and should be made available, as part of the contract. And the final piece of good news I want to give you, although it's taken a while, in terms of the illegal fly tipping that we're seeing, particularly in Cuthberts Road, but there may be other areas, North Shrewsbury's got a huge amount of it, one of the worst areas in the city. I've talked to staff, and they've undertaken to look at putting some cameras up, to try and stop people from doing it. It's worked in another part of the city where they've had their cameras up in the last couple of months. It'll be like a camera to deter people from..

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – It's where people come and dump their rubbish.

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) – It's not about deterring them; it's about trying to catch them.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) - Catch them, deter them. Yeah, whatever. It's something. So Cuthberts, and I will put in Ruru as well. Those two areas.

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) – It's an awful lot of money to put all that up. Why don't you just have some bins every so often and..

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) - The trouble with that is, and I, not so much City Council, at Waimakariri where we used to put bins out to, like you would end up with pig guts and car parts and people just, anything.

Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) – So, this still doesn't stop the community board, and I know some of us elected members are looking at what we can do to have like a local community clean-up day in Bromley or whatever neighborhood. And, you know, we provide a skip, and we encourage people to come and dump stuff that's no longer wanted. But this is just something to deal with the fly tipping, and I know Margaret, who's not here, but she has raised it previously and is already concerned,

Carl Pascoe (Chair) – We veered into the community board issues rather than the OPP issues, so I'll call the meeting formally over, and you can continue with your community board discussion.

Organics Processing Plant Community Liaison Group Meeting

CCC CLG meeting report

6:30pm to 8pm, Tuesday 20th May 2025

Waitai-Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Boardroom

180 Smith Street, Woolston, Christchurch 8062

Interim solution at the Organics Processing Plant in Bromley update

The site remains clear with compost continuing to be transported to Kate Valley Landfill to be used as a landfill capping material.

Pattle Delamore Partner's proactive Living Earth odour monitoring reports update

Council's external environment experts Pattle Delamore Partners (PDP) continue to conduct their proactive odour monitoring of Living Earth and produce reports on their findings. Since the last Community Liaison Group meeting, PDP have:

- Written three reports, covering Saturday 1 February to Wednesday 30 April 2025.
- Totalling twelve dates of odour monitoring and for those nine dates:
 - Residential zone – One occasion of weak (2) compost odour being detected. This was on Maces Road/St Johns Street, at the boundary of the industrial zone and residential zone (14:49, Thursday 17 April)
 - Industrial zone – Distinct (3) compost odour and lower detected. Specifically, alongside or close to the Living Earth boundary, except for on one occasion (13:50 Monday 10 March, Shivas Place).

In summary, no offensive or objectionable compost odour was detected in the Bromley residential or industrial zones.

All of PDP's proactive reports can be found on Council's OPP webpage under "*Odour monitoring reports*" <https://ccc.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling/organicsplant/>

Comparison of PDP's proactive odour monitoring, ECan's Smelt It reports, Geoffrey King's odour report and site activity

Date	Pattle Delamore Partners proactive odour monitoring <i>(FIDOL assessments in italics) compost odour detections in bold italics</i>	ECan Smelt It reports	Living Earth site activities		
			Operations	Tunnels loaded out	Wind direction (5am to 4pm)
12/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 12:41 to 12:48, 13:10 to 13:16 – No compost odour Industrial – 12:51 to 13:06 – 13:00, Intermittent Distinct (3) compost to no odour (0) 	-	05:00 – 21:30	-	ESE to ENE
13/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 13:17 to 13:21, 13:52 – No compost odour Industrial – 13:25 to 13:50 – 13:27, Distinct (3) compost to no odour (0) 	-	05:00 – 21:30	06:00 – 15:00	NNE to ESE
24/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 13:36 to 13:39, 14:09 – No compost odour Industrial – 13:42 to 14:07 – 13:44 to 13:46, Continuous Weak (2) compost to Weak (2) compost 	-	05:00 – 21:30	06:00 – 12:11	NNE to ESE
27/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 12:58 to 13:01, 13:26 – No compost odour Industrial – 13:04 to 13:20 – 13:13 and 13:18, Intermittent Weak (2) compost odour 	-	05:00 – 00:00	06:00 – 12:08	WNW to E to ESE
06/03/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 13:19 to 13:23, 13:46 to 13:49 – No compost odour Industrial – 13:26 to 13:42 – 13:30 Continuous Weak (2) compost, 13:34 Intermittent Weak (2) compost 	1) 19:59, intensity 5	05:00 – 00:00	-	W until 9am then ENE to ESE
10/03/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 13:21 to 13:24, 13:56 – No compost odour Industrial – 13:28 to 13:54 – 13:31 Continuous Weak (2) compost, 13:33 Continuous Weak (2) to Distinct (3) compost, 13:38 no odour (0) to weak (2) compost, 13:40 & 13:50 Continuous Weak (2) compost 	-	05:00 – 00:00	06:00 – 15:44	NNE to ENE
14/03/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 11:30 to 11:34, 12:06 – No compost odour Industrial – 11:36 to 12:01 – 11:41 Intermittent Weak (2) compost to no odour (0), 11:42 no odour (0) to Weak (2) compost, 11:46 Weak (2) to Distinct (3) compost, 11:48 Intermittent Weak (2) compost 	-	05:00 – 00:00	06:00 – 10:52	ENE to ESE
25/03/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 13:23 to 13:26, 14:07 – No compost odour Industrial – 13:29 to 14:05 – 13:33 Intermittent Weak (2) compost, 13:38 Weak (2) compost (12% of the time, not offensive or objectionable). 	-	05:00 - 00:00	06:00 – 13:08	N to ESE
26/03/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 13:19 to 13:23, 13:46 to 13:49 – No compost odour Industrial – 13:26 to 13:42 – 13:30 Continuous Weak (2) compost, 13:34 Intermittent Weak (2) compost 	-	05:00 – 21:30	06:00 – 10:30	ENE to ESE
11/04/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 13:25 to 13:28, 14:08 to 14:11 – No compost odour Industrial – 13:32 to 14:03 – 13:33 Continuous Weak (2) compost to no odour (0). 	-	05:00 - 01:30	06:15 – 11:35	WNW to WSW until 13:20, NNE to E after 13:30
17/04/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 13:40 to 13:44, 14:28 to 14:59 – 13:40 Highly Intermittent Weak (2) compost to Very Weak (1) indeterminate character, 14:49 Weak (2) compost (35% of the time, not offensive or objectionable). Industrial – 13:47 to 14:22 – 13:48 to 13:51 Continuous Distinct (3) compost, 13:57 to 14:00 Distinct (3) rubbish to Weak (2) compost, 14:19 Intermittent Weak (2) compost. 	-	05:00 – 01:30	06:30 – 11:30	E to NE
29/04/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 10:24 to 10:27, 10:49 to 10:53 – No odour Industrial – 10:30 to 10:45 – 10:32 Continuous Weak (2) compost, 10:34 no odour to Intermittent Weak (2) compost, 10:35 Weak (2) compost to no odour (0), 10:39 Weak (2) compost to no odour (0). 	-	05:00 – 01:30	05:57 – 12:22	ESE to ENE

Future solution at the Organics Processing Facility in Hornby update

The procedural delays in the processing of the ECan Resource Consent have impacted the development timeline. The timeline for the development of the new facility will be reset and a construction date confirmed once the ECan resource consent is granted. Based on ECan's timeline for the limited notification process, if the ECan resource consent is granted in July 2025, EcoGas has indicated that the facility could start operating in late 2026.

Further information on resource consent CRC250284 can be found on ECan's dedicated webpage here: <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/do-it-online/resource-consents/proposals-of-public-interest/ecogas-otautahichristchurch-organics-processing-facility/>

Future use of the Organics Processing Plant site in Bromley

As mentioned at the last CLG, Council staff had a presentation scheduled for 27th February 2025 with the Waitai-Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board. This presentation was to start of the process with the community board to discuss with them how they would like to engage with the community and capture their input on future use of the OPP site in Bromley.

Council is now dealing with internal potential uses of the site prior to reengaging with the community. As always, Council will shared further information once available through newsletters to the Bromley mailing list.



Living Earth's Organics Processing Plant Community Liaison Group Report

February 2025 to April 2025

Prepared by: Jaco Kleinhans
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7th May 2025

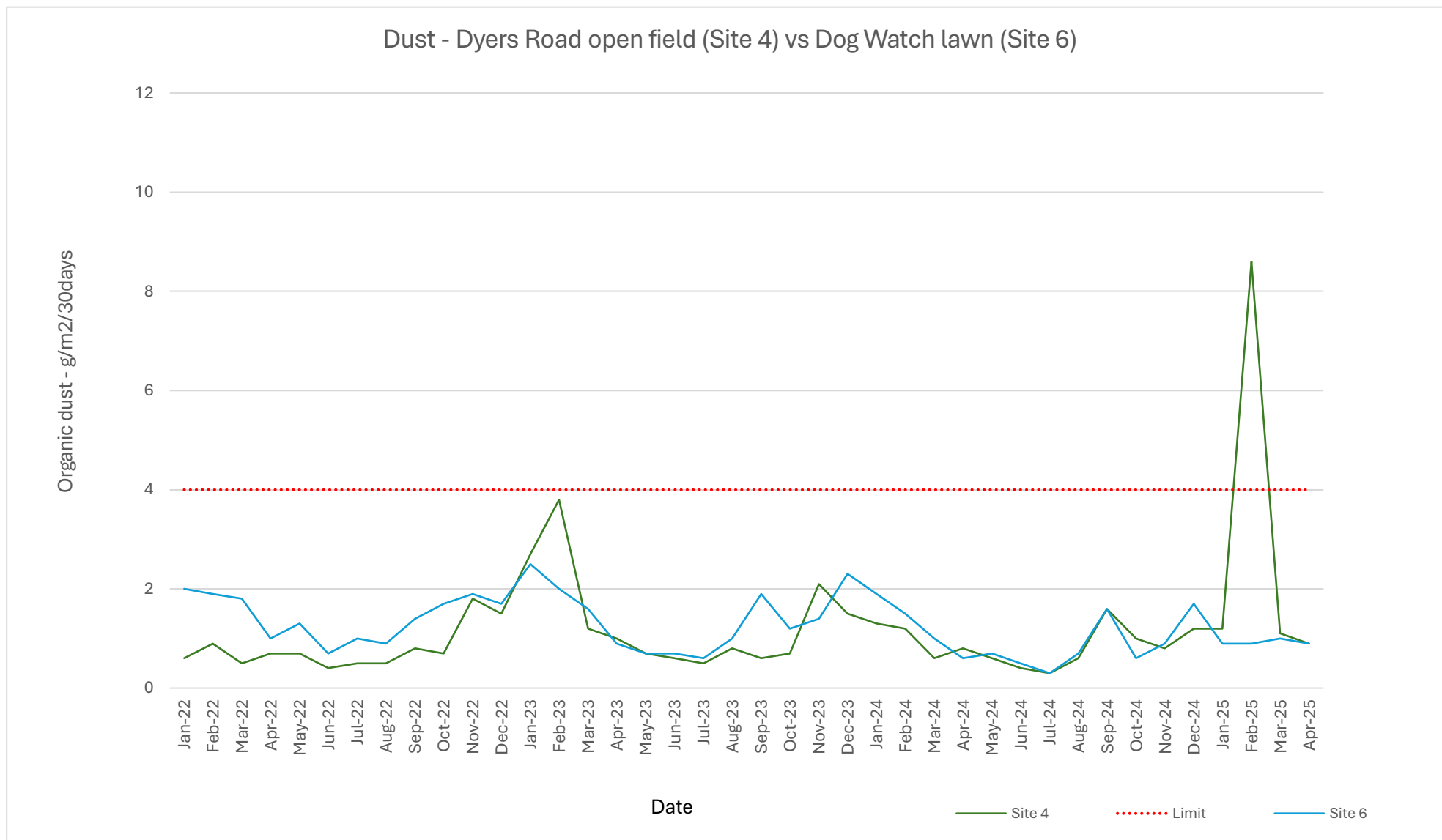
The consent conditions of CRC 080301.1 are detailed in this report and comments are provided on the status. Key matters are discussed below:

Dust (Condition 25)

No dust complaints received during this period.

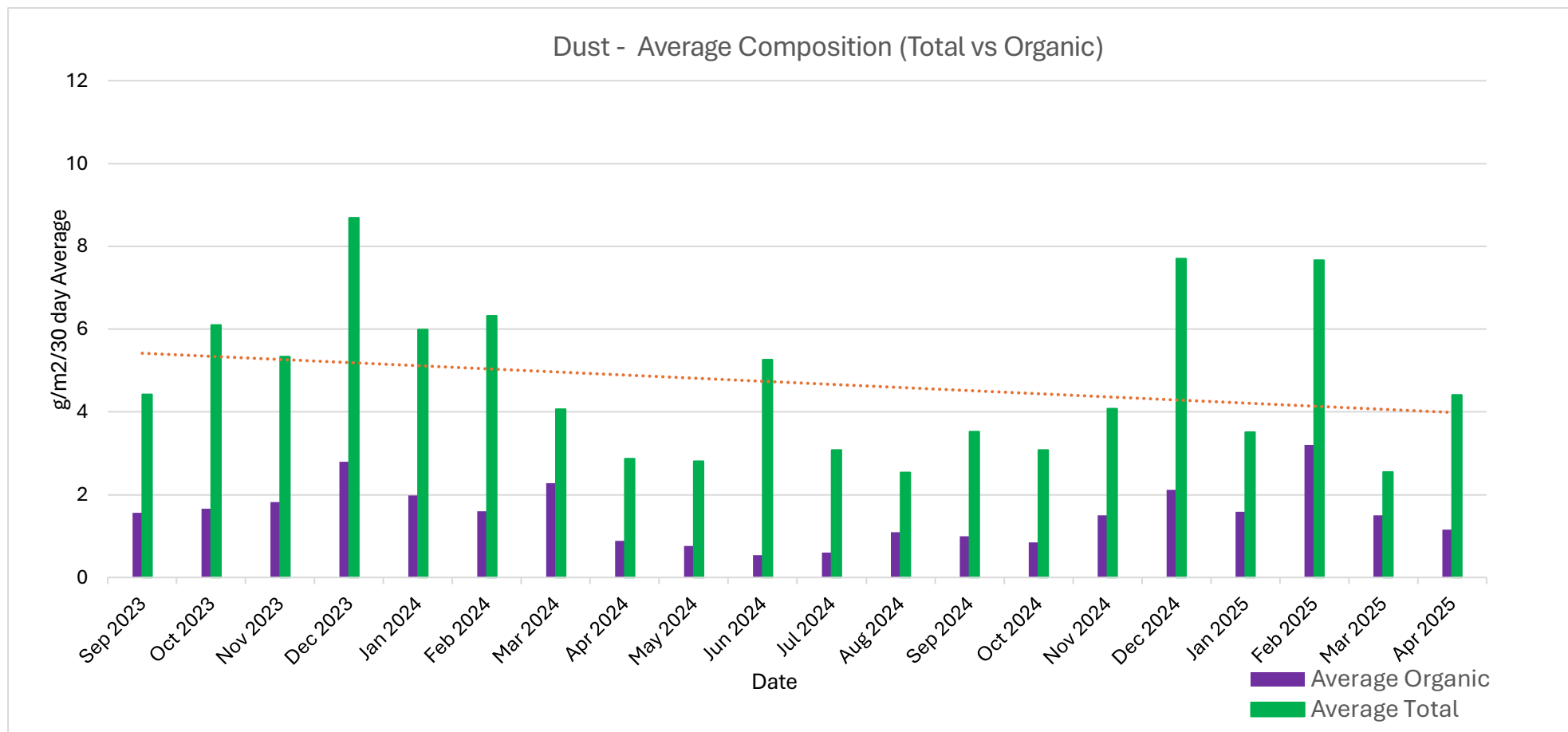
Dust control and monitoring procedures remain in place. Dust monitors located closer to the site boundary and on site remained below the $4\text{g}/\text{m}^2/30$ resource consent limit for the period.

Graph 1 below compares the 30-day average for two of the offsite dust monitors for the Bromley area in general: Site 4 (Dyers Road open field control) and Site 6 (Dog Watch lawn). These results show dust levels remain similar downwind and upwind of site. Noting there was several bugs in gauges 1 (Garden) and 4 (Open Field) which may have affected the results.



Graph 1 - Off site dust monitors Site 4 and Site 6, located along Dyers Road and downwind of the site.

Graph 2 below compares the 30-day average for total dust and organic dust that can be associated with activities related to the Organics Processing Plant (OPP). Although the total dust has exceeded the 4g/m²/30 resource consent limit in February, the organic composition of that dust was below the resource consent limit.



Graph 2 - Average dust composition comparison of average total dust vs average organic component.

Boundary Plantings (Condition 25)

As detailed in Environment Canterbury's (ECan's) CLG report, planting was completed in April to fill gaps in the tree shelterbelt along the boundary between Affordable Storage and Dyers Road, and additional smaller-grade plants will be added to cover any remaining spaces. ECan consider this work to be sufficient and the site is now fully compliant with the resource consent.

For the whole site, a clear buffer zone remains to be maintained on-site.

Odour (Condition 27/Condition 14)

No odour complaints during this period.

Ongoing site odour assessment conducted by staff with calibrated noses and proactive odour assessments completed by external odour consultant Pattle Delamore Partners.

Living Earth staff are currently undergoing their regular nose calibration assessments in Auckland.

On-site Operations

1. Kerbside Organics is processed in the tunnels for at least 14 days and then loaded directly into trucks and sent off site for further processing and screening. This is still current.
2. Truck loading is happening directly outside the OPP with water misters operating.
3. We achieve an approximate 60% reduction in volume through the current tunnel process.
4. Extra carbon and effective microbe are being used in the process to ensure feedstock recipe is correct for the current season.
5. No tailings produced or stored onsite.
6. All green waste is processed in the OPP. Noting, generally this is the operations that occur on site on the weekend.
7. No material is stored, moved or screened onsite.
8. On average we cart five truck and trailer load four days a week to move pasteurised and stabilised product off site, and generally this occurs during the day on weekdays.
9. During this reporting period, biofilter maintenance has been completed during the lower season.

Description		Compliance (Y/N)	Findings Comments & Problems
1	The discharges shall be only odour and dust from an organics processing plant and green waste composting facility located at 40 Metro Place, Bromley, Christchurch at map reference NZMS 260 M35: 8627-4087 and indicated as “Applicant’s Site” on plan CRC080301A attached as part of this consent.	Yes	No discharge except odour and dust occurs from the facility other than storm and wastewater that are covered under different consents.
2	The organics processing plant shall process not more than 90,000 tonnes of organic material per year.	Yes	The plant operates under the set limit.
3	<p>The discharges of odour and dust shall only occur from the following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. From construction activities associated with the establishment of the organics processing plant; b. From an odour extraction system on the process building that discharges to air via biofilters; c. From composting of organic material in managed windrows; and d. From screening, blending, packaging and stockpiling of matured compost. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. n/a during this period b. The biofilter has been working with no issues. c. No windrows during this period. d. These activities have stopped.
Construction of Organics Processing Plant			
4	<p>The consent holder shall provide to the Canterbury Regional Council a Construction Management Plan to be submitted for approval before commencement of the works on site that includes but is not limited to the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Regular watering of dusty surfaces during dry windy conditions; b. Restricting traffic speed within the site to less than 15 kilometres per hour; c. Covering loads of excavated soil whenever visible dust occurs from this source; d. Locating stockpiles in areas that are less likely to be affected by prevailing winds and at least 50 metres from boundaries; and 	Yes	No construction during this period

	e. Stabilisation of exposed areas as soon as possible after work is completed.		
	Organics Processing Plant		
5	The consent holder shall provide to the satisfaction of the Canterbury Regional Council a Facilities Operation Manual before operating the organics processing plant.	Yes	A copy was provided in 2012 as required under the consent.
6	The material processed shall only include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Green waste; b. Food waste; and c. River weed. 	Yes	No other items are accepted.
7	Organic waste containing putrescible material {food waste} shall be processed in a tunnel compost system contained within the process building.	Yes	All kerbside organics collection vehicles are emptied inside the processing hall and processed in the tunnels.
8	Organic waste not containing putrescible material may be composted in managed windrows.	Yes	This is no longer done.
	Tunnel Compost System		
9	The tunnel compost system shall consist of a process building, outdoor uncovered windrows and screening and stockpiling.	Yes	Tunnel system is the only process used.
10	The process building shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. House all receiving, shredding and blending of organic waste that is to be composted in the tunnel composting process; and b. Be operated under a negative pressure system with all discharges to air being treated via a biofilter. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All receiving, shredding, and blending of materials is completed in the process hall before being loaded into tunnels. b. The negative pressure of the biofilter fan (tunnel exit) is typically maintained at - 100Pa and monitored via a computer control system.
11	The incoming organic material shall be placed into the tunnel composting system on a daily basis within 24 hours of receipt.	Yes	This is completed. OPP operates on public holidays in line with the kerbside collection trucks. We are open and processing on all days that collection occurs.

12	The tunnel composting process shall have a duration of not less than seven days, which includes an allowance of up to half a day for tunnel emptying, cleaning and filling. During the tunnel composting process, the temperature of all the compost shall be maintained at greater than 55 degrees Celsius for a minimum of three continuous days or less at higher temperatures, so that pathogen destruction has occurred in compliance with New Zealand Composting Standard NZ 4454. At the same time or after the tunnel composting process, the compost shall be aerobically treated for 14 days or longer, during which time the temperature must always be over 40 degrees Celsius and the average temperature must be higher than 45 degrees Celsius.	Yes	During this period typical time was 20 days in the tunnel.
13	Records shall be maintained showing compliance with Condition (12). Such records shall be available to Canterbury Regional Council on request.	Yes	Reports were recorded via a computer control system recording time and temperature.
14	The maturation composting stage shall be an uncovered windrow system that allows the process to meet Condition (27) of this consent.	Yes	This is no longer done at this site.
	Green waste Windrow Compost System		
15	Organic wastes not containing putrescible are to be shredded, blended and formed into windrows within 24 hours of receipt.	Yes	All green waste is processed in the OPP.
16	Any organic waste which contains putrescible material is to be redirected into the tunnel composting system.	Yes	
17	Not more than 30,000 tonnes per annum of green waste shall be composted in full in the outdoors windrows.	Yes	
18	<p>The uncovered windrows shall meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The windrow shall be maintained in an aerobic state throughout; and b. The state of the windrows shall be monitored for oxygen, temperature and moisture as follows (and records retained): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Oxygen: Weekly for the first four weeks after the row is constructed and thereafter if the row is suspected of turning anaerobic; b. Temperature: Weekly; c. Moisture Content: Every second day 	Yes	We no longer have windrows; all these conditions are met within the tunnel composting system.
	Odour Extraction System – Organics Processing Plant		

19	The odour extraction system on the process building shall be designed by a person competent in this area of technology to industry best practices.	Yes	n/a during the period
20	The odour extraction system shall be of sufficient capacity to prevent any fugitive discharge of odours from the process building under all operating conditions.	Yes	n/a during the period
21	The discharge shall exhaust via a biofilter with an average loading of not greater than 80 cubic metres of air per hour per cubic metre of bed material	Yes	Biofilter size 20.7m x 42.5m size. Maximum airflow ex fan is 90,000m ³ /hr. If media is > 1.17m deep, then 80m ³ /hr/m ³ of media cannot be exceeded. Bed depth is typically 1.3 – 1.5m. fan speed typically <90% of max. The fan can be limited in the control system to maximum speed as required. Fan operation is measured, controlled, and monitored by a computer control system.
22	The odour extraction systems shall operate at all times during processing of raw materials or products.	Yes	Operates 24/7 and is monitored by a computer system.
23	<p>The bio filters shall be maintained in such a way as to effectively reduce odours from the organics processing plant so Condition (27) is met. This shall include but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintaining satisfactory moisture levels in the biofilter. b. Maintaining an appropriate pH range, typically 4 to 8. c. Maintain aerobic conditions at all times. d. Replace the biofilter media at an appropriate time, determined when any of the above operating parameters, odour levels, or, airflow backpressure are unable to be maintained within their operating limits. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Average moisture tested for the period is 70% (this is a seasonally expectation) b. pH recorded in for this period 7.3 c. Oxygen levels >20% d. Back pressure monitored for bed media condition within acceptable range.
	Dust Control		
24	The consent holder shall implement the following measures to minimise the generation and discharge of dust:	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Misterters and water trucks are used

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Use water sprays with any mechanical handling of compost when conditions are likely to generate dust. b. Provide an impervious base to all outdoor composting areas. c. Limit the height and slope of outdoor piles to less than five metres in height. d. Bulk carriers removing material from site shall be covered. e. Use water tankers and/or sprinklers to dampen down areas of heavy vehicle access when wind speed exceeds five metres per second (five-minute average) during dry conditions. f. Suspend all product load-out and windrow turning operations during dry conditions when the wind speed measured by the on-site meteorological station, blowing from between 10 degrees and 130 degrees, exceeds 10 metres per second for two consecutive five-minute averages. Recommencement of load-out and windrow turning operations may occur if recorded wind speeds from that sector are less than 10 metres per second for two consecutive five minute averages. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Site is asphalt sealed c. No piles outside d. Monitored on-site, data reported each minute. e. The asphalt is watered and swept regularly to remove any residual debris.
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Within 12 months of this consent coming into effect the consent holder shall establish and maintain suitable tree windbreaks around all areas where compost is stored. b. Notwithstanding condition 25(a), a further line of tree shelter shall be established along the boundary with Affordable Storage Limited and the boundary with Dogwatch Sanctuary Trust, to fill in gaps in the existing tree shelter plantings where establishment or growth has been poor such that a continuous shelter belt more than 1.8 metres high has not been formed. These additional shelter trees shall be planted within six months of commencement of the change to conditions. All shelter trees shall have a minimum height of 1.8 metres and shall be maintained and irrigated until they reach a height of at least five metres. Any dead, diseased or damaged trees shall be replaced immediately. The trees shall be protected from the prevailing wind during at least the initial three years of establishment of the trees by wind cloth fencing or similar in order to optimise tree growth. c. A plan showing planting and landscaping works to be undertaken to comply with Condition 25(b) shall be prepared by a suitably qualified person and shall be submitted to the Canterbury Regional Council within three months of commencement of the change to conditions. 	Yes	The open area is regularly cleaned.
26	On-site vehicle speeds in the outside windrow, compost storage and compost screening areas shall be restricted to not more than 15 kilometres per hour. A sign, capable of being read at a distance of five metres, shall be erected at the main vehicle entrance to the outside storage area to inform all drivers of this requirement.	Yes	Signs in place, all drivers, and contractors inducted with specific mention made of consent compliance.
27	The discharges to air shall not cause odour or dust which is offensive or objectionable beyond the boundary of the site on which this consent is exercised.	Yes	

28	Notwithstanding Conditions 24 and 27, all product load-out, heavy vehicle operation and windrow turning activities shall cease at any time when these activities cause visible suspended particulate matter beyond the western site boundary, including at properties occupied by Affordable Storage Limited, Dogwatch Sanctuary Trust or their successors.	Yes	Monitored daily. No outside operations significantly reduce risk, and area is lined with water cannons and misters.
29	<p>The consent holder shall maintain records of any odour or dust complaints received by the consent holder. These records shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Location of complainant when odour or dust was detected. b. Date and time of odour or dust detection. c. Weather conditions, including wind direction, at the composting facility when odour or dust was detected. d. Strength of the odour complained of, assessed on a scale of 1 to 5 by the complainant with the following rating system: 1 odour noticeable but not persistent; 2 odour clear and persistent; 3 odour unpleasant and persistent; 4 odour strong, offensive and persistent; 5 odour very strong and offensive. e. The amount of dust complained of, assessed on a description of the visible quantities and extent of dust deposits on a scale of 1 to 5 by the complainant with the following rating system: 1 noticeable and not extensive; 2 clear and minor coverage; 3 nuisance and moderate coverage; 4 objectionable and extensive coverage; 5 significant extensive deposits, offensive. A description of the appearance of the dust shall also be recorded. f. Any possible cause for the odour or dust complained of; and g. Any corrective action taken. <p>Records demonstrating compliance with the above condition shall be provided to the Canterbury Regional Council on request and shall be summarised as part of the Annual Environmental Report required under Condition 36.</p>	Yes	Complaints made to Environment Canterbury are recorded by Environment Canterbury.
	Monitoring		
30	The consent holder shall undertake site-boundary odour assessments at least once per day, in a manner consistent with Work Instruction WI30 Issue 6, dated 1 September 2010, submitted with the application, or an equivalent later document. These assessments shall occur at no fewer than eight locations around the site boundary, including at least one location downwind of the composting tunnels and the maturation windrows. In the event of strong odours being detected, that may create adverse effects beyond the site boundary, then the consent holder shall take all practicable efforts to mitigate the odour using measures that may include the use of masking agents, capping the source,	Yes	Completed.

	and returning odorous material to the tunnels. Records shall be kept that include the date and time of the assessment, meteorological parameters at the time, odour descriptions and odour intensities at each monitoring location. Staff members responsible for these assessments shall have calibrated noses, determined by suitably qualified persons at an accredited laboratory. These staff members shall be recalibrated for odour sensitivity at least once every three years.		
31	The consent holder shall, prior to unloading a tunnel, undertake an odour assessment of the compost material, in a manner consistent with Work Instruction WI4 Issue 6, dated 1 September 2010, submitted with the application, or an equivalent later document. In the event of strong odours being detected, that may create adverse effects beyond the site boundary, then the consent holder shall return the assessed material to the tunnel and shall not empty the tunnel until it has been determined that the material is no longer odorous to the point where it may create an adverse effect beyond the site boundary. Staff members responsible for these assessments shall have calibrated noses, determined by suitably qualified persons at an accredited laboratory. These staff members shall be recalibrated for odour sensitivity at least once every three years.	Yes	Odour assessments are completed on a continuous basis when tunnels are being emptied.
32	<p>a. At all times during exercise of this consent, wind speed and wind direction shall be measured by an anemometer established on the site.</p> <p>b. The anemometer shall be installed at a height of at least five metres above ground level at a location free from any obstruction that has potential to significantly affect wind flow.</p> <p>c. Wind speed resolution of measurement shall be not more than 0.1 metres per second and wind speed accuracy of measurement shall be at least within +/-0.2 metres per second.</p> <p>d. The anemometer shall be established, located and operated to the satisfaction of the Canterbury Regional Council.</p> <p>e. Wind speed and direction shall be continuously recorded with an averaging time for each parameter of not more than five minutes.</p> <p>f. These data shall be:</p> <p>(i) recorded using an electronic data logging system; and</p> <p>(ii) provided to the Canterbury Regional Council upon request.</p>	Yes	Weather station is located on site.
33	<p>a. Dust deposition monitoring shall occur in at least two dust gauges sited near to the boundary with Affordable Storage Limited or successor and the boundary with Dogwatch Sanctuary Trust or successor and at least one further control dust gauge. The location of the dust deposition gauges shall be determined by a suitably qualified person and shall be provided in writing to the Canterbury Regional Council. The method of monitoring shall be ISO DIS-4222.2 or a similar method to the satisfaction of the Canterbury Regional Council. Samples shall be collected monthly and the monitoring results shall be included and summarised in the Annual Environmental Report required under Condition 36.</p>	Yes	<p>A total of eight dust gauges are used as controls (2), onsite (3) and offsite (3). Offsite gauges are in the immediate neighboring properties, and these are used to monitor compliance against this consent.</p> <p><i>A note to mention, that we have removed monitoring location 7 (pump station by Dog</i></p>

	<p>b. Dust control measures shall be implemented to maintain the rate of dust deposition at the consent holder's boundary, measured in accordance with Condition 33(a), at less than 4g/m²/30 days above the background concentration measured at the control site. Any exceedance of this trigger level shall be reported to the Canterbury Regional Council, including the likely reasons for exceedance and any remedial action undertaken.</p>		<p><i>Watch) and location 8 (in the green waste drop off area). Location 8 is no longer Living Earth site, so no longer relevant, and location 7 is obsolete to the purpose.</i></p>
	Management Plan		
34	<p>(a) The consent holder shall prepare and implement an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) that addresses the control of discharges to air from the site.</p> <p>(b) The EMP shall be prepared and provided to the Canterbury Regional Council: attention: RMA Compliance and Enforcement Manager, within three months of the granting of this consent variation and within one month of the completion of annual reviews.</p> <p>(c) The EMP shall be reviewed annually.</p> <p>(d) The EMP and any revisions shall include all measures necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this consent.</p> <p>(e) The EMP shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A description of the dust and odour sources on-site; b. The methods to be used for controlling dust and odour at each source; c. A description of consent and monitoring requirements; d. A system of training for employees and contractors to make them aware of the requirements of the EMP; and e. Identifying staff responsible for implementing and reviewing the EMP. 	Yes	
	Community Liaison Group		
35	<p>a. Within one month of the commencement of the change of conditions, the consent holder shall invite local residents and interested people to attend a meeting to establish a Community Liaison Group. The invitation to attend and establish a Community Liaison Group shall be extended to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) all property owners and occupiers with boundaries adjoining, or but for the presence of roads, with boundaries immediately next to the site; and (ii) all parties who made a submission on the application to change consent conditions. 	Yes	<p>Ongoing Community Liaison Group meetings are held as required, including this meeting.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. A representative of the consent holder shall attend all meetings of the Community Liaison Group. The Canterbury Regional Council shall be invited to send a representative to attend all meetings. c. The consent holder shall ensure that members of the Community Liaison Group are provided with the opportunity and facilities to meet at least once every three months. d. The main purposes of the Community Liaison Group shall be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify and address any adverse effects of discharges to air from the site, including possible remedial action; and b. Discuss the results of all monitoring and reporting required under this consent. 		
	Reporting		
36	The consent holder shall, no later than the 30 th of June of each year, provide an Annual Environmental Report to the Canterbury Regional Council setting out all monitoring and reporting results required by conditions of consent and their interpretation by an appropriately qualified person, including dust deposition monitoring and complaints recording undertaken in relation to this consent over the previous period. Where the result of any test or monitoring undertaken in relation to this consent exceeds the relevant limit/trigger level or does not comply with the relevant condition, then the steps that were taken to rectify the non-compliance shall be specified.	Yes	
	Administration		
37	This consent shall not be exercised concurrently with CRC930514.	Yes	
38	<p>The Canterbury Regional Council may annually, on or about the last working day of March each year, serve notice of its intention to review the conditions of this consent for the purposes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dealing with any adverse effect on the environment which may arise from the exercise of the consent; or b. Requiring the adoption of the best practicable option to remove or reduce any adverse effect on the environment; or c. Complying with the requirements of an operative regional plan. 	Yes	

Environment Canterbury Odour and Dust Report 01 February 2025 – 31 April 2025

Prepared on 7 May 2025 for the Community Liaison Group Meeting on 20 May 2025

Living Earth odour monitoring

No Snap Send Solve reports or emails were received regarding compost-type odours in the Bromley area during this period.

One phone call was received by Environment Canterbury reporting compost-type odour, which resulted in one Pollution Event being logged in relation to Living Earth. This occurred on 14 March 2025 at 8:40am. The responding officer detected a low-level odour on Dyers Road, west of the site, but did not consider it offensive or objectionable at that time. The event was therefore recorded as 'verified but compliant'.

During this reporting period, Environment Canterbury received seven Smelt-It reports from the Bromley community that mentioned compost-type odours. However, all of these also described other odours such as rubbish, sewer, meaty, or fishy smells - characteristics not typically associated with Living Earth. Given their atypical nature, these complaints were not considered attributable to Living Earth operations.

No odour from Living Earth was substantiated as offensive or objectionable beyond the property boundary during this reporting period.

Compliance Monitoring of Living Earth CRC080301.1

Christchurch City Council has addressed the minor non-compliance relating to the tree shelterbelt (Condition 25). Planting took place in April at 244 Dyers Road to fill in gaps that were previously identified. Additional smaller-grade plants will be added to cover any remaining spaces.

Environment Canterbury considers the work carried out by CCC to be sufficient. The site is now fully compliant with the resource consent

Dust Monitoring

During the reporting period, Environment Canterbury did not receive any reports of dust in the Bromley area.

Other Odour Monitoring in the Bromley Community

Environment Canterbury staff continue to prioritise odour monitoring in the Bromley community, adjusting our response as needed.

During this quarter, Environment Canterbury received 78 odour reports via Smelt It, Snap Send Solve, email, and phone calls. These reports cover all odour complaints received for the Bromley area. Please note that 7 of these reports were directly related to the industrial fire at Maces Road on 7 April.

Over this period, Environment Canterbury has conducted 28 site visits and spent approximately 25.7 hours in the community, both responding to reports and undertaking proactive monitoring.

More information can be found on the [Odour Monitoring in Bromley](#) webpage and the [CCC page on the WWTP](#).

Bromley Reporting Area

The data used in this report relates to incidents received within the Bromley area, as outlined by the pink area in the map below. For consistency of reporting, only Smelt Its within the pink boundary are considered.

