

- 1 INTRODUCTION: My name is Dorothy Tunnah and I have lived at [REDACTED] since 1963. My house is very close to Hafod Landfill site.
  - 1.1 I have been involved with Hafod Environmental Group since they were formed in 2006, to protest about the opening of a landfill site so close to two large housing estates, the closest of which also includes the local primary school, 2 football fields, play area, community centre and the local scout hut.
  - 1.2 Hafod Environmental group was formed by local residents who were concerned about health and nuisance problems, i.e. gas emissions, odour, seagulls and dust. I have been on the liaison committee since 2008 when Enover (originally called Cory) bought the site.
  - 1.3 Wrexham council originally rejected the application in 2006, but MWH who owned the site originally appealed to the Welsh Office and Carwyn Jones overturned the decision by Wrexham.
  - 1.4 Over the years the group fundraised several thousands of pounds to try and stop the landfill, without success, being let down continually by local government, The Senedd, NRW, Public Protection and European Parliament.
  
- 2 ODOUR : As we always feared we have had trouble with odours from the start on a regular basis, but particularly when the weather is cold or raining. The weather has been good for the last few months with very little rain so not so much odour. Wrexham council are convinced that everything has been sorted but on 27<sup>th</sup> July it rained during the night and I had to get up and close all the windows as the odour was horrendous.
  - 2.1 The odour is not only obnoxious but as it is caused by rotting material it results in releasing gas which can be dangerous to health. The reason Monitors were required.
  
- 3 MONITORS: We have asked a number of times over the years for monitors to be fitted on the landfill site and in the village but this request was ignored until the odour was so bad at the end of last year.
  - 3.1 After a meeting by Wrexham Council at the beginning of the year they finally agreed to have a monitor fitted on the Community Centre and Enover agreed to put 4 around their site. Another one has been agreed to go on the Bowling green, but this hasn't yet been installed.
  - 3.2 The monitors have been fitted for several months now but the residents are still waiting for the results. They are all being monitored by Enover, including the council one. They say they are making sure it is accessible to all to read and understand. Another 7 months that we don't know what we are breathing in. I think that the council owned Monitors should be read regularly by an independent company not the one used by Enover.

- 4 PERMIT: The reason both NRW and Enovert use for complaints is that they are working to the permit. We say at nearly every Liason meeting that the Permit is not fit for purpose.
  - 4.1 When asked last year if they accepted material from any companies who have particularly odorous waste they admitted two companies did but they asked them to come during the morning so that it could be covered up quickly. One was a sewage company. NRW were quick to say that it was covered by the Permit.
  - 4.2 I looked back at the minutes recently but realised this was not in the minutes . I have looked back at other minutes and realised that other questions asked by our group have been missed out. Surprise , surprise Enovert take the minutes.
  
- 5 COMPLAINTS: Please note that that the number of complaints sent to NRW is not a true picture of the problems. Most people, including myself, have stopped complaining to them as they know nothing ever gets done. If you complain they ask if you want feed back, but that very rarely happens. They say in our meetings that they have too many complaints to get back to everyone. NRW have only just started to do visits without prior arrangements. C
  - 5.1 I have included some photographs taken by a resident when a local factory was pulled down to make room for housing. You can clearly see the site, and how close it is to the housing. These photos were taken on a Saturday afternoon and the following Sunday morning when the site was closed. Enovert hadn't mentioned anything about a problem on site until I produced the photos. We were then told the machine, which covers the rubbish, had broken down that day. We have noticed for years that the smell is always worse at weekends and have wondered if the site was being covered every night.



5.2 Other photos are of a lorry crossing the site, with all the seagulls and dust all around.



5.3 Seagulls regularly rest on the football and playing fields when the site is closed.

5.4 There was a large fire on site on May 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, after the site had been closed for the night, that took several days to be put out. Residents were told to keep all doors and windows closed and people from several miles away were affected. We were never told how the fire started.

5.5 We had rain on August 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 and at 7 o'clock that evening this soapy looking water just was outside the gate to the Landfill. It looks as if it is leachate but no doubt we will be told different. I have included a photo.



*6 CONCLUSION: The site should be closed as soon as possible as Cory/Enovert have had 18 years to run the site correctly and not cause harm and anxiety to the whole village. They just tell us how many new wells they put in. We were told at the beginning that a bond was being held for restoration so there should not be a problem.*

*6.1 ODOUR: Enovert has given excuse after excuse, year after year for the odour and they have been allowed to get away with it because people in power like NRW and Public Protection have allowed them to hiding behind the Permit.*

*6.2 MONITORS: After 18 years monitors have been fitted but months later we are still waiting for the results. Why are Wrexham council letting Enover's company read their monitors, there should be an independent company for Wrexham*

*PERMIT: Why after all the complaints isn't someone looking at the Permit. It has never been suggested by any of the agencies, just the public. It is not fit for purpose.*