

## **Motion to Council – Hafod Quarry Landfill Site**

We the undersigned submit this Motion to Full Council for debate and consideration:

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### **Notice of Motion:**

**Introduction:** The Hafod Quarry, currently operating by Enovert as a landfill site, has raised significant environmental and public health concerns among local residents and stakeholders. The continued operation of the landfill poses risks such as groundwater contamination, air pollution, and negative impacts on biodiversity. This motion outlines a plan to support Natural Resources Wales to properly regulate and monitor the operations in line with the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 which supports the recommendations of the Homes & Environment Scrutiny Committee held on 16th October 2024.

This Council resolves to take the following actions:

1. **Conduct a Community Concerns Assessment:**
  - Commission a community concerns assessment, which will capture health, ecological and environment as a whole and put the community first (following advice from Public Health Wales and BCUHB).
  - To ensure that local residents are included in a participatory stakeholder workshop as part of the assessment to gather all health related concerns.
  
2. **Review and demand on-going robust evidence of appropriate performance environmental monitoring and emissions regulation:**
  - Review and examine the evidence of all monitoring undertaken at the site to ensure it is in line with Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.
  - Review the evidence of actions taken following the recommendations of the Homes & Environment Scrutiny Committee held on 16th October 2024.
  - Assess the impact of the landfill on the local environment, air quality and local biodiversity.
  - Statutory Nuisance – Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Local Authorities (under Part III EPA) have a duty to ensure all legislative framework is followed.
  
3. **Full examination of potential Waste Management & Alternatives:**
  - Identify and establish alternative waste management solutions to reduce dependency on landfill disposal for local businesses.
  - Promote waste reduction, recycling, and composting initiatives within the business community.
  - Establish composition of waste analysis at Hafod Quarry Landfill Site.

4. **Full and Effective Community Engagement and Communication:**
  - Ensure transparent communication with the local community about the processes, timelines, and potential impacts, including regular updates on progress.
  
5. **Review and Report Progress:**
  - Provide regular updates to the Homes & Environment Scrutiny Committee on the progress of measures included in this motion and the monitoring and activities.
  - To establish a Hafod Landfill Stakeholder Group, to include WCBC local members, Lead Member for Planning & Public Protection, WCBC Officers, representative of Ruabon, Rhos Community Council, Natural Resources Wales, Constituency Member of the Senedd – Clwyd South, Member of Parliament for Montgomeryshire & Glyndwr and representatives of Enover. The group can take forward the actions committed to in this motion and can adjust strategies as needed based on ongoing assessments and community feedback.

**Conclusion:** The effective and efficient running of the Hafod Quarry as a landfill site is essential to protect public health, preserve the environment, and enhance the quality of life for local residents. This Council commits to a responsible and transparent review process and any repeated failure of performance, call for all necessary actions to safeguard and protect the health of residents and the local environment.

**Resolution:** The Full Council adopts this Motion and instructs the relevant departments to initiate and work closely with NRW and partners to ensure the effective operation of the site. Failure to address this should result in the necessary plans being drawn up for the closure and effective restoration of the Hafod site to ensure environmental safety and community well-being.