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Dear Ms Thomas,

Petitions Committee report P-06-1510 Hafod Landfill Site, Wrexham

I acknowledge receipt of your letter and copy of the above report dated 19th January 2026.

I can confirm that Wrexham CBC will be taking an active role in supporting the delivery of the eleven recommendations contained in the report. The recommendations have been used to formulate objectives and a plan for delivery which will be overseen by the Hafod Stakeholder Group. This group has been strengthened with the addition of two representatives of the community affected.

With respect to those recommendations that relate specifically to Wrexham Council, we would provide the below update:

Recommendation 1

Full calibration and re-scaling of all 6 air quality monitors (AQMesh pods) has been completed.

Recommendation 8

Three Air Quality Summary reports have been published on Natural Resources Wales's Citizens Webpace. Future reports will be published quarterly.

Recommendation 9

The Hafod Liaison Group and Hafod Stakeholder Group will be used to consult residents on effective means to share this advice.

Recommendation 10

Wrexham CBC will work with Enover to clarify membership criteria for the Hafod Liaison Group. New Terms of Reference have been agreed and the minutes of the most recent meeting have been published.

Recommendation 11

Members of the local community have joined the Hafod Stakeholder Group and have attended their first meeting.

With respect to the content of the report and the recommendations we would make the following observations.

With reference to paragraph 70, the Council has installed two air quality monitors in the community and the combined data output is now regularly analysed and shared, this is in addition to the 'subjective' sniff tests.

With respect to Recommendation 3, the Council would welcome this. We have already funded the installation of the 2 air quality monitors referred to above in the community to provide additional air quality data. We would suggest that the committee review the wording of the recommendation to reflect the assumed intention of the need for automated odour monitoring in the community.

With respect to Recommendation 4, we are disappointed with this. The focus needs to be on the primary regulatory regime (environmental permitting) and it's regulator (NRW) to prevent the issue of odour nuisance rather than attempting to rely on the statutory nuisance provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Much emphasis in the report is placed on complaint fatigue. The approach undertaken by the Council was to reduce reliance on a 'reactive complaint led approach' to a more 'proactive approach' with the installation of two air quality monitors and Officer 'sniff tests' to provide an accurate overview to assess the impact of the landfill on the nearby community. Given the current levels of routine and regular monitoring we already have comprehensive data and are likely to already be aware of any odour issue reported by residents.

In conclusion, I would highlight that the Council remains very concerned about the impact on the daily lives of those living close to the site and affected by the issues this causes them. Whilst we are not the primary regulator, we will seek to engage with all relevant stakeholders and ensure as far we can that the recommendations of the report are delivered and that all parties are held accountable.

Yours sincerely



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