

# Keeping You Informed

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Our role is to protect and improve the environment so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of a clean, safe and healthy place to live.

We are responsible for protecting the environment by regulating waste storage, treatment, recovery, and disposal.

This briefing provides an update on the implementation of improvement conditions for Biowise Limited Permit Ref: **EPR/PP3096ZA**

## Improvement work update

As environmental standards improve and new technologies evolve our national review aims to ensure individual permits are fit for purpose and adopt Best Available Techniques (BAT) to meet current legislative requirements. This review required Biowise Limited to implement appropriate measures to minimise the potential of odour from site operations. The following information provides an update on the measures taken by Biowise Ltd and how the Environment Agency continues to regulate activities at this site.

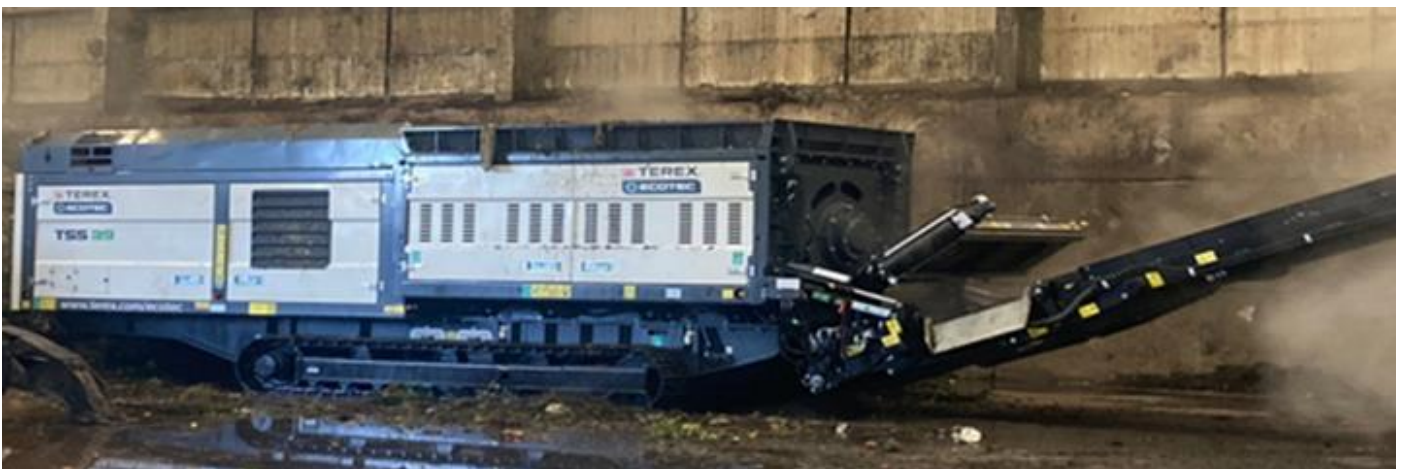
## Compost bay improvements



To reduce odour from the outdoor compost bays, covers have been installed on all 5 bays as required by our review of permit conditions. This was completed on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## Shredding

Incoming green waste which was previously shredded outside has now been moved inside a building benefitting from biofilters that treat potentially odorous emissions.



## Screening improvements

The screening of final compost has been re-engineered to incorporate a series of enclosures to further contain potentially odorous emissions.



## Leachate tank improvements

The leachate tank holding runoff from the compost pads was previously open topped. This has been replaced with a new enclosed tank and fitted with an odour removing filter.



## Site vehicles

As an additional measure to reduce the potential for odour, site vehicles carrying compost are now all covered with a hydraulic sheeting system.

## **Ongoing monitoring work**

All infrastructure improvements are now complete. The remaining Improvement Conditions require a review of how well the improvements have reduced potentially odorous emissions. This requires the improvements to be in operation for 12 months to allow us and independent specialists to gather relevant data. We are currently working with Biowise to facilitate an appropriate methodology for this review, and we will keep you informed on how this work is progressing.

## **Odour reports and odour monitoring**

We will continue to monitor odour reports made to our incident line and carry out monitoring visits where required.

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