

Horton Clay Pit Infill – Have Your Say

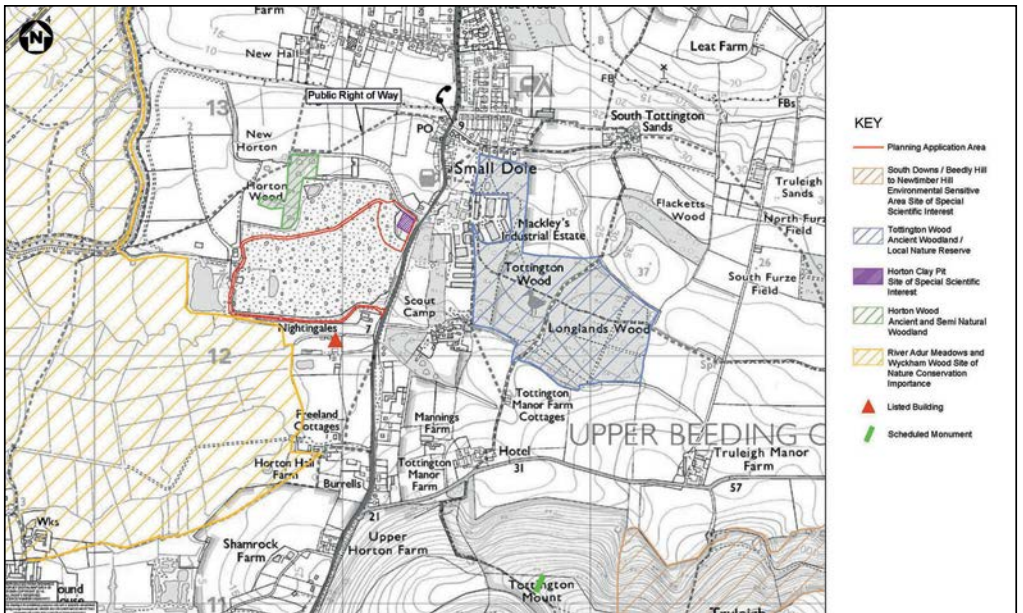
Viridor is pleased to introduce you to this summary of our proposal to West Sussex County Council relating to Viridor’s land at Horton Clay Pit.

Viridor intends to submit a planning application in June 2014, accompanied by an Environmental Statement, relating to the infill and restoration of the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) area at the Horton Clay Pit.



The purpose of this newsletter is to provide the local community with an opportunity to learn about the proposed scheme as well as how to provide Viridor with feedback.

The red line on the map and plan indicate the location and extent of the application area.



Horton Clay Pit SSSI

In the north-west corner of Horton Clay Pit lies an area of 0.38 hectares designated by Natural England as a geological Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

In 1991, the former clay pit was granted planning consent for restoration using landfilling. A condition of this consent was that the SSSI would be retained and as a result the landfill was designed around it. The SSSI now forms one side of a shallow excavation with the landfill lying on the other side.

The adjacent landfill has been shut to the reception of waste since August 2011 and is now restored to grassland and trees. Rainwater collecting in the bottom of the SSSI void has to be continually pumped out in accordance with an approved scheme.

The soft Gault clay of the SSSI is naturally susceptible to rain ingress and slope slippage. Natural England now consider it to be in an 'unfavourable degenerating' state.

A recent technical stability report found that long-term remediation of the SSSI was not feasible. The only practical and sustainable solution is burial by inert infill and restoration of the whole SSSI void to prevent any further erosion. Natural England has agreed in principle, subject to the Gault clay being protected by a marker layer.

Viridor is therefore seeking planning permission for the import of just enough infill material to fill in the SSSI void and complete the restoration of the area.

Summary of the Proposals

The proposal seeks to infill the Horton Clay Pit SSSI void with imported inert material.

The scheme as currently proposed includes the following:

- the building of a temporary haul road over the restored landfill for the period of the works
- installation of temporary wheel cleaning facilities within the existing access road
- retention of the acoustic fence, which currently borders the SSSI void, during the works
- marking the position of the geological exposure with a marker layer
- infilling the SSSI void with approximately 92,000m³ of imported inert material (about 138,000 tonnes) over a period of 12 months
- arrival of 9,200 delivery vehicles, based on 10m³ loads per vehicle
- infill up to adjacent ground levels
- drainage scheme across the infill area
- within a further 12 months, restoration that compliments and integrates with the adjacent restored landfill including removal of temporary haul road and acoustic fence
- five years of post-restoration management

Access

Access via the existing site entrance.

Hours of Operation

The proposed operating hours are:

Monday to Friday 07:30-18:00
Saturday 07:30-13:00

No working on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
In practice workings are likely to be limited within these times to daylight hours.

Moving Forward

Viridor is committed to open and proactive dialogue with the local community.

If you require any further information, or have any comments to make on the plans, please use the contact details provided. All comments must be received by 3rd June 2014 in order to be considered prior to the planning application being submitted.

What Happens Next?

After taking the comments into consideration, Viridor intends to finalise and then submit its planning application to West Sussex County Council in June 2014. At that time, West Sussex County Council will begin their own planning application process, which will include making the application documents available and allowing opportunity for comments.

About Viridor

Part of the FTSE 250 Pennon Group, Viridor puts waste into action, transforming it into high quality recyclables, raw materials and energy.

Across the UK Viridor operates more than 320 waste management facilities from recycling and composting plants through to waste treatment and disposal facilities. The company employs more than 3,200 people and is dedicated to operating all of its facilities to high professional and environmental standards.

Viridor's Lakeside energy from waste joint ventures won the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management's Peel People's Cup for the best run facility in the UK in 2011, and the company was named UK Recycling and Waste Management Business of the Year at the 2010 National Recycling Awards.

Contacts / Further Information

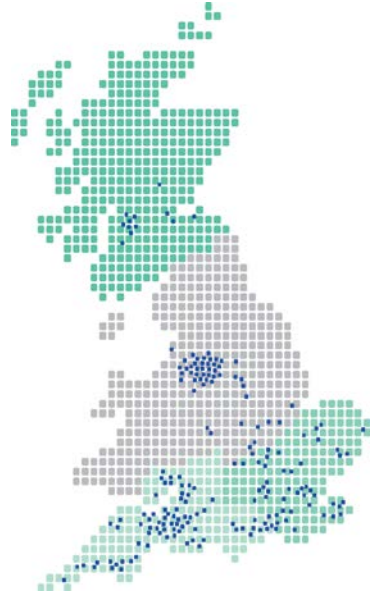
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