

## Questions to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety

28<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Question 1 from John Eveson, Vice Chair, Little Chislewick Residents' Association:

"Given there is much concern amongst residents about safety issues surrounding the closure of the tip facility in Cornwall Drive, could the Council please advise on the nature of the dust involved and whether it is/was toxic or represented a health hazard in any way."

Response:

*The site in question is the SITEC skip lorry base and waste transfer station, in Cornwall Drive, St Mary Cray. This site is not within the jurisdiction of Bromley Council's Environmental Protection team as it is licensed by the Environment Agency, who also enforce all of the provisions of their license.*

*However, I understand from our contacts at the Environment Agency that SITEC has voluntarily closed the site at present to any further inputs of waste, in order to allow them to clear some of the waste material stored. This is necessary in order for them to comply with their EA permit conditions. I further understand that Sitec were fined £75k on 27 April 2011, for permit breaches over a 2 year period from 2008 to 2010.*

*A further enforcement Notice has also been served on the company to come into full compliance with their permit. The main breaches are for volumes of waste on site and the infrastructure i.e fencing and litter netting.*

*It has also been noted by the Agency Inspectors that the dust suppression issues that occurred in the summer months were to be addressed by the company; the company has now been instructed that the dust suppression system currently in place is not adequate to suppress the dust being produced.*

*With regard to the nature of the dust, this will not be hazardous in any way as the material accepted at the site and is only inert waste and household waste in the skips.*

Question 2 from Colin Willetts Asst Sec LCRA

The Little Chislewick Residents Association have been informed that both CCTV locations in Cotmandene Crescent & St Mary Cray Station(Sayes Court Road) have not been working since late February 2011, could the Portfolio Holder confirm

- i) is this the case?,
- ii) the reason for the cameras not working?
- iii) when will they be up & running again?"

Response:

- i) *None of the cameras within the Cray system are functioning at this time*
- ii) *The tower block known as Alkham Tower is being demolished by Affinity Sutton and as such the microwave transmitter at the top of the tower has to be removed. There is no other point within this area that can provide a vantage point that will enable this CCTV system to function and therefore the system is being decommissioned.*
- iii) *There are no current plans to replace this system.*