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Subject: RE: Birdston Coup, East Dunbartonshire
Attachments: Coup Entrance.jpg; LOOK LIKE GAS PIPE DUG UP ON A SITE.jpg; CONDITION OF
CORE PATH.jpg; ROAD SCALPINGS.jpg; image 1.jpg; image 2.jpg; image 3.jpg;
image 4.jpg; image 5.jpg; image 6.jpg; possible contaminated containers.jpg

Hi David,

We are happy that someone from SEPA has finally took notice of this site? How often do you visit and do you attend un-announced?

We are very concerned about what is being dumped on this site.

- Yesterday a tanker was seem entering the site, tankers generally only carry liquid, so what exactly was in this tanker?
- The condition of the roads are a constant issue, they are generally covered in mud and stones and even when a road sweeper has been used the road remains with large section uncleaned with lots of small stones on the surface.
- At least two cars in the last week or so have suffered punctured tyres passing the site with large construction nails being the problem, only one place they can be coming from as there are no construction sites nearby.
- The purpose of the current works is to return the land to agricultural use, has anyone tested the soil coming in? It is predominantly clay and the materials below the surface will hinder any farmer trying to plough the area. See the attached photographs to return the land to agricultural use would have required 500 to 700mm of good soil, at present the fill looks to be about 1.5m in height, who would waste that amount of money on soil unless it is just crap coming from god knows where.
- A villager contacted EDC about issues and was told that there is contaminated spoil from a housing site at Waterside in Kirintilloch being dumped in the coup, if that is the case how is it going to be used for agricultural land. Where is the spoil from the waterside side being taken, please check their records. Contaminated soil requires to be treated in a particular manner to remove the contaminates not just buried.
- We have also seen and reported Skips dumping on the site, what could they possibly be dumping, certainly not soil or top soil. You will see from the attached photographs that more than soil is being dumped.
- Liquid containers which generally carry chemicals have also been dumped on the site and reports of very strong odours coming from there were given to us. These containers cost £290 each on line, if they are not chemically contaminated why would anyone dump approximately 15 to 20 of them, £4350 to £5800 in value. More contamination we think.
- You noted to Councillor Ferretti that the entrance to the site is to be concreted, when is that going to take place? The likelihood of that happening is zero unless you request an actual date for the pouring of the concrete, you will f course be given the usual excuses of , its too cold, its too wet, were struggling to get a supplier because of Covid, I've heard them all before working in construction. There should also be a wheel washing facility, that will never happen.

There are photographs from the beginning of the dumping attached which clearly show demolition materials, you were not visiting at that time so would not have saw this.

We know SEPA is a very powerful body and know that if you want areas exposed they will be exposed, this are needs looked at very closely, as a village we are giving notice that we feel the area is being contaminated and used as a

dumping facility to avoid land fill tax, most of the lorries entering the site have no company names or logos which raises concerns. Paper work can be manipulated to show anything, as a council we don't believe everything on this coup is legal.

We feel and request that this coup be investigated in the most detailed manner possible and as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

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From: Walker, David <david.walker@SEPA.org.uk>
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Hi Brian,

I am the officer dealing with Practical Waste Solutions (PWS) who now own the former Birdston Landfill and who have had 2 exemptions from Waste Management Licensing registered at the site by SEPA. They are a paragraph 9, ref no. **WML/XC/1196806** and a paragraph 19, ref. no. **WML/XC/1190920**. A overall explanation of these exemptions can be accessed using this link [Activities exempt from waste management licensing | Scottish Environment Protection Agency \(SEPA\)](#). At Birdston the p9 was registered for the purpose of restoring the site to agricultural land while the p19 is primarily for the construction of the site's haul roads. Both of these exemptions permit certain specified wastes relevant to each to be brought onto site.

PWS have also been granted a Mobile Plant Licence (MPL), ref. no. **WML_L_SEPA2021-8002** by SEPA. A MPL contains a condition which states the license holder must submit a Site Specific Working Plan (SSWP) to SEPA for approval before any licensed mobile plant operations can commence. Maybe this is the plan that Max from EDC was referring to? If so, to be clear the SSWP does not relate to any construction on site and is wholly distinct from a Construction Site Licence which manages the water environment on larger construction sites. A SSWP only sets out the overall activities a mobile plant will undertake at a site and states the waste types, tonnages, etc. which must comply with the conditions in the MPL. The SSWP approved by SEPA for Birdston is for the use of mobile plant to screen and crush material in order for it to be suitable to be used in the p19, and for the treatment of existing on-site Japanese Knotweed which is mainly but not exclusively in the south portion of the site.

If you wish to view copies of the authorisations granted to PWS I would advise that you access this link as this provides up to date guidance on the process [Access to Information | Scottish Environment Protection Agency \(SEPA\)](#). Please use SEPA ref. nos. in bold above if requesting authorisations.

I trust this answers your enquiry but feel free to contact me if you need further assistance or information.

Regards,
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Good afternoon David,

Max Wilson of East Dunbartonshire Council Provided me with your e-mail address. He informs me that you are the person looking into / supervising the coup at Birdston and that you have been provided with a construction management plan.

If possible could you provide us with a copy of the construction management plan and an understanding of what is allowed to be dumped at this site under their licence as nearby residents and villagers are very concerned.

Kind Regards,

Brian J McFall
Secretary - MOCCC

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