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Subject: Birdston Coup - Contaminated Waste - blocking up of Right of Way

Hi Thomas et al,

I have just driven past the entrance to Birdston coup and discovered that not only have those currently running the site, blocked off the access to a public right of way, they have now dug up the said right of way, making it impossible to pass and perhaps this is an attempt to make the right of way disappear for ever.

Surely there is some legality or planning legality that can control what is happening on this site, we have recently been told by a member of the community that when EDC were called about what's happening, the person in question was told by an EDC employee that the soil was contaminated waste from a housing site in waterside. We know of two housing sites at Waterside, so is this true, unfortunately on the planning web site there is no Site Investigation with the application to look over.

There is also a lot of water seeping from the site onto the neighbouring farm land where cattle and sheep graze which then after slaughter enter the food chain, you all know the risk that poses if contamination enters the food chain.

Some villagers who have lived here all their life and are a bit older than me have said quite categorically that there was waste from Faslane and Rosyth buried there a long time back as well as waste from the Nailwork in Lennoxtown which contained arsenic. Is this coup and surrounding area just a dumping ground for other people's problem contaminants. We have previously sent photographs of container which more often than not contain chemicals, are they to be buried.

Is there no one in EDC who can't attend to this site and demand information or do we need to wait until a serious health issue arises and we as a community council, point the finger and say "we told you so, you were warned". This has the potential to be an environmental disaster, those in control of the coup seem to be doing whatever they feel like, whilst EDC shrug their shoulders and say it's a SEPA issue, it is both your issues.

Kind Regards,
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