

# Confirmed Minutes

## Annex A

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**Title of meeting:** NRW Board Meeting – Public Meeting

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**Date of meeting:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

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### Withyhedge Statement

We understand the strength of feeling amongst people living and working in the communities surrounding Withyhedge Landfill, and we too want to see the issues resolved at the site as soon as possible.

The assessments we are carrying out to determine if site operator RML Ltd has complied with our most recent [Regulation 36 Enforcement Notice](#), are complex and will take some time to complete.

As part of this work, our officers are carrying out a full site landfill gas audit this week to examine the effectiveness of the landfill's gas management system following improvements made in light of the Enforcement Notices. This includes increased areas of capping and the installation of additional landfill gas wells. Outside of the requirements of the Enforcement Notice, the site operator is also carrying out work to complete the capping of cell 8 which is due to finish this week.

Odour assessments took place every day last week and over the weekend at various locations in and around communities surrounding Withyhedge Landfill, at varying times of the day and night. We know that odour continues to be detected and we will continue to carry out our assessments in the days and weeks to come to determine if any reduction in odour has been observed.

Only when the site has been fully assessed and reports from the site operator reviewed, will we be able to determine compliance with the enforcement notice and whether the action taken by the operator has reduced fugitive gas emissions. We will then be in a position to consider if any further enforcement action is required, looking at all options available to us under the regulations.

**ENDS**