

## Monitoring is complaint-led

The Waste Transfer Station lacks the technology to contain odour and dust. Industrial noise is permitted right up to 10pm at night. Complaints are inevitable.

When permission for the facility to operate was given in 2006, planning conditions were drawn up to provide respite from collections & deliveries of refuse during weekends and on bank holidays.

In 2013, these rest periods from industrial noise were abandoned except for two days per year. In 2016, the noise was permitted on 364 days.

**NO REST FROM INDUSTRIAL  
NOISE UP TO 15 HOURS A  
DAY, 363 DAYS OF THE YEAR  
OBJECT NOW!**

Veolia have made an application to extend their operating hours at the Waste Transfer Station and Materials Recovery Facility. This means residents living near Hollingdean Depot are likely to be exposed to noise and odour 7 days a week – including Bank Holidays!

Is it fair to extend operating to all-day Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays? And to finish operating at 10pm!?

**OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION NOW!**

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Planning » Planning applications » Planning register

Application number: BH2013/02219

## Results of Investigation

**The design of the Hollingdean Waste Transfer Station building allows odour escapes to take place.**

In a letter to affected residents outlining the results of their investigation, the government's Environment Agency disclosed:

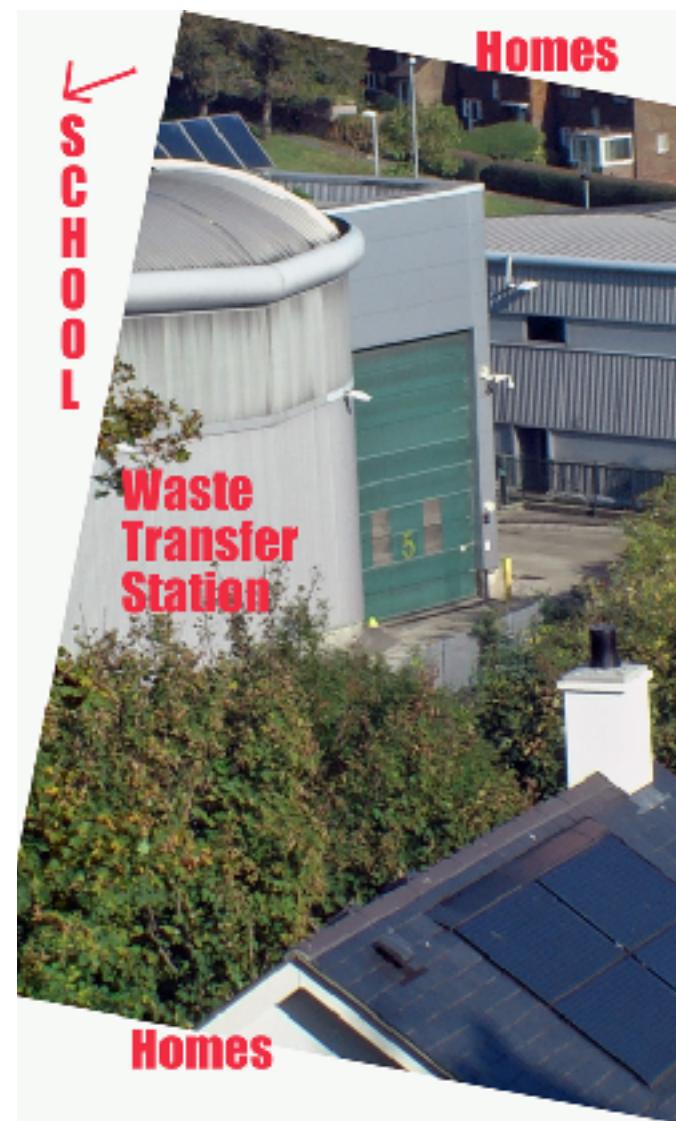
"The building was built without an Antranra airlock system, so there is no barrier between the waste and the open air when the doors are opened and this allows odour to escape. Veolia have also identified that odour has been escaping through the vents designed to let air into the building."

The re-location of facilities for processing food waste is not a goal which could be achieved overnight without bringing the city's refuse collection services to a standstill.



## Not Fit For Purpose:

Ever since it started operating in 2009, the Hollingdean Waste Transfer Station has been a regular source of nuisance to residents and schools nearby.





# No Respite from industrial noise

**JUST SOME OBJECTIONS TO VEOLIA'S PLAN TO STAY OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK:**

- No time to host friends in our gardens without the threat of disturbance from industrial noise.
- Longer operating hours impacts on the odour nuisance as vehicles entering the yard during hot weather are often very dirty and smelly as they are arriving.
- 2,244 residents felt the Hollingdean Depot was the wrong location. The location has indeed proved inappropriate.
- Do Hollingdean residents want extra HGV movements in their neighbourhood during parts of the week when children are not at school?
- Veolia has misled the wider public about their continued inability to prevent odour from buildings which lack the quality of design needed.

- Cramming a large MRF, as well as the WTS, into an inadequately sized site has not left room for sufficient landscaping within the southern perimeter. The facilities are not adequately screened and are too near to Round Hill homes and gardens!
- The complaint system for reporting noise nuisance is operated by Veolia's main client (Brighton and Hove City Council) and is not one in which Round Hill residents have confidence.
- 2,244 residents objected to Veolia's original planning permission in 2006. Application BH2013/02219 aims to scrap most of the gains those objections achieved. Are we now going to stand by and let Veolia erode the only periods of peace and quiet we have from industrial noise?

- Including food waste in black bag refuse and sending it to Newhaven for incineration is contrary to DEFRA's view of good practice.**
- It reduces the chances of more black bag rubbish going into recycling
  - It wastes opportunities for food composting.
  - It causes more air pollution in and around Newhaven (Ouse Valley).

## “Noise assessment” ignored the households immediately affected

Brighton and Hove City Council (Veolia's main client at Hollingdean Depot) commissioned a noise assessment study before extending The Waste Transfer Station's operating hours. This was prepared for them by *Clarke Saunders Associates* on 3rd July 2013.

[Why were the monitoring points so much further from The Waste Transfer Station than those households nearby which complain about noise?](#)



## Why has there been no assessment of fugitive particles (dust from the Waste Transfer Station) escaping into properties nearby?

Residents living nearby are familiar with the 45-minute cleaning sessions in the yard next to The Waste Transfer Station since they involve a monotonous high-pitched noise. What the large industrial vacuum cleaner does not trap is the dust which has already crossed the railway line, making the benefits of window-cleaning short-lived if your home is nearby.

[How is our air quality, our respiratory health and the condition of our eyes being affected by the particles escaping from The Waste Transfer Station?](#)

Nobody seems concerned to measure this.

