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Tēnā Koe Stefanie

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Thank you for your letter dated 10 October.

It's pleasing to see that Environment Canterbury agrees that the current site operations are within scope of the resource consent, though the conditions have been periodically breached. We anticipate that ongoing operational changes will further reduce the risk of occasional breach of the consent conditions. We welcome any suggestions from Environment Canterbury experts regarding further reducing any potential odour issues.

As you know, this Council's decision making under the Local Government Act requires engagement with all communities – not solely those in proximity of the site – and could not reasonably move any faster than it is already. The Council's engagement with its communities about short-term options for managing organics has received 2750 submissions from across the city.

The Council is still on track for making decisions on the permanent and short-term solutions in December.

Engaging with the Bromley community is important to us. We welcome further mahi by Environment Canterbury on that engagement. We use a variety of communication and engagement channels to keep residents updated and informed. These include:

- local e-newsletter
- dedicated webpage with information on the latest odour monitoring reports, Community Liaison Group (CLG) minutes and agendas and recent newsletters
- Targeted community Facebook posts
- Newline stories
- Hard copies of CLG agendas and minutes are available at the Bromley Community Centre
- One-on-one meetings with individuals

The Council welcomes Environment Canterbury proactively monitoring consent compliance. The Council has had PDP, the independent odour experts, doing this since February 2023. We have been forwarding the PDP reports to Environment Canterbury and posting them on our public webpage. Those reports record several breaches that would not have been apparent without the Council's proactive monitoring. It would be great to see Environment Canterbury respond to our previous invitations that the odour scouting experts for our two councils visit together so that they can share thoughts at the time of the assessments.

Council welcomes Environment Canterbury's plan for engaging with us when performing its regulatory role.

Ngā mihi nui

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Dawn Baxendale
Chief Executive