

Evidence provided to the Petitions Committee from Ann Griffiths, a local resident

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Further to the Petitions Committee meeting on 22 September, I would like to highlight some of the concerns I have regarding the responses given to many of the questions.

It was surprising that Enovert was seemingly unaware that the level of odour can be affected by heavy rainfall when it is well documented (e.g Government/ Environment Agency) that it is. It was particularly concerning that the CEO of a waste management company with 20 years experience in that field should have no knowledge of this phenomenon, especially as it was confirmed by NRW that odours can increase during and after periods of heavy rain because of increased amounts of leachate.

Enovert also stated that they are a proactive rather than reactive company. However, in November 2023, NRW found a number of breaches of permit conditions and at one stage an Enforcement Notice was issued.

With regards to complaints received by WCBC, the information on Page 17 of the Council's written submission gives a very misleading picture of the level of reported odour incidents. The complaints in the table are the ones received solely by Public Protection, while NRW have a separate published Incident Hotline to which the majority of calls from local residents are directed.

It is also not helpful that a local media outlet recently took a quote from the Council's written evidence which stated conclusively that 'following a five-week assessment, no statutory odour nuisance currently exists'. This again seems partly to be based on the number of complaints received by PP and their random 'sniff tests', which by their own admission, recorded numerous incidents of highest level of odour (table - section 8, p13 - 14). This again gives a very misleading view of what is happening at the site

During the discussion regarding the Hafod Liason Group it was stated that this group is open to all and anyone can join it. Unfortunately, this is not the case; there have been occasions when other residents have asked to join the group and have been refused. Although an extensive list of members of the group was given, attendance at the meetings has been rather mixed.

Evidence provided to the Petitions Committee from a Dorothy Tunnah, a local resident

My name is Dorothy Tunnah and I am a member of the Hafod Liaison Group. This is my response to the Petitions Committee held on the 22nd September 2025.

Odour and Leachate

After a very dry year we have had several days with rain recently and we have had both odour present and leachate running off the site, as the following photo shows.



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Monitors

I was told on the 26th July that officers want to ensure the data was accessible to all to read and understand the monitors which were put in in March. This still hasn't been done.

Sniff Test

Were Enovert using an Electronic Data Recorder when doing the sniff test for the results given at the meeting on the 22nd September?

Permit

Why hasn't anyone decided to look at the Permit.? Everyone knows it is not fit for purpose but the answer from NRW has always been that they are working to the permit. Enovert admitted at one of the liaison meetings that they do take in material from a Sewage company and NRW said they were working to the permit. How can that be allowed with houses on their perimeter. I'm

Enovert

Enovert said they are proactive so why did they have an enforcement notice last winter identifying several actions needed to be addressed. In March 2024 NRW identified additional gas emissions. This is Reactive not Proactive and this is after 18 years of Landfill experience.

Steve Gittens has sent in excellent data proving what we are going through but as a lay person the thing I do know for certain is the odour we have put up with over 18 years is "noxious " and will also be issuing harmful chemicals. All the agencies saying that rain doesn't make a difference is absolutely untrue just ask anyone who lives in Johnstown.

ENOVERT HAVE HAD ENOUGH TIME TO GET IT RIGHT AND WE HOPE YOU AGREE THAT HAFOD LANDFILL SHOULD BE CLOSED DOWN.

PLEASE DON'T LET US DOWN AS FORMER MEMBERS OF THE SENEDD HAVE OVER THE PAST 18 YEARS