

WRITTEN ANSWER FOR COUNCIL

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Public Questions

Supplementary Question from Mr. S. Currie

Would the Cabinet Member agree that it seemed unsurprisingly coincidental that a tip wanted to open when imminent proposed development at Bassingthorpe Farm was on the cards and whether a public consultation should be held.

Answer from Councillor Emma Hoddinott, Cabinet Member for Waste, Roads and Community Safety

The proposed landfill site at Droppingwell, and the landfill site at Carr Hill adjacent to the Bassingthorpe Farm area, are quite different. Discussions relating to Bassingthorpe Farm have been underway for a number of years, which includes consideration of the Council's closed landfill site at Carr Hill. Droppingwell is a privately owned site with historic permissions to tip which came to the fore following the Environment Agency's decision in 2016 to issue a new permit to allow landfilling to begin again without any consultation of the Council or public.

Carr Hill is a closed landfill site that was previously operated by the Council. The site has no existing permissions for tipping and has not been used since the 1990s. Remediation works have taken place at Carr Hill both in terms of land formation and drainage. Additionally, the Council have an ongoing statutory obligation to monitor the site in relation to leachate and gas and to take action where necessary. The Council has invested substantially in improving the infrastructure of all its closed landfill sites over the past five years to ensure that the public are protected from any harmful gases or leachate.

Finally, thank you for campaigning against the permit at Droppingwell. We will continue to work with those affected to raise concerns with the Environment Agency.