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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2021 19:10
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Environmental pollution in Ballyclare

Hello [REDACTED], I am concerned that the leachate from the billions of plastic pieces will find its way into the water table and pollute the land. Does the sheer amount of plastic and pieces of plastic pipe not merit an investigation and immediate action from Daera? All we hear at the moment is about plastic pollution and billions of plastic pieces are causing pollution while Daera wait for the land developer to decide when to take action. Why has a timeline for the clean up of this pollution not been enforced? This waste has been deliberately dumped in this area and the use of the plastic as a covering of a track used for the exercising of horses looks like a deliberate action. I would like to see this case referred to the Environmental crime section to see if they should prosecute, fine and enforce action.

Regards
[REDACTED]

On 26 Mar 2021, at 11:34, [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thank-you for your email. The department is currently working with the land owner to insure the lawful remediation of the site during ongoing development. Any environmental impact assessment should be covered as part of the planning approval process which is open access.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 25 March 2021 17:03

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Environmental pollution in Ballyclare

Hello [REDACTED], in regard to the contamination of this land and possible pollution of the water table has there been a timeline agreed for the clean up of the contamination?

I understand that planing permission has not been granted so the land could sit for years without a clean up.

Has there been an environmental impact assessment conducted for the interim period and could I receive a copy?

Regards
[REDACTED]

On 23 Mar 2021, at 11:51, [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thank-you for your email in relation to lands on Ballycorr road, our ref 279/21. Following a visit to the site I made contact with the development company regarding the perimeter track of the field. Following this conversation it is understood the land is to be remediated of any alleged contaminants as part of the ongoing development works as they commence. The department will be conducting future site inspections to insure any contaminating materials are being disposed of correctly. If you have any other queries feel free to contact me via means below.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2021 15:23
To: Crime, Environmental <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Environmental pollution in Ballyclare

Hi, I prefer to remain anonymous. I would understand if I had witnessed the act but all I am reporting can be seen by any council employee when they visit the site.

You may forward the email and images to the council but please remove my name from the email.

Regards
[REDACTED]

On 15 Mar 2021, at 14:27, Crime, Environmental [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to report this incident. We have logged the incident on our system and your incident reference number is 279/21. Due to the current Covid-19 operational restrictions the Department is currently prioritising responses to incidents which are deemed of higher risk to the environment and health. Your report will be assessed in that regard.

Your complaint was logged in the system as anonymous.

In some instances, incidents may be referred to local councils for action. Do you give NIEA permission to forward your name and contact details to a local council so that they may contact you?

Kind Regards,

Admin Team

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 March 2021 10:09

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Environmental pollution in Ballyclare

Hi, I would like to report electrical and plastic waste products on a site on the Ballycorr Road Ballyclare. The location of the waste in a field as shown in the image below. The polluted area in the in the field below on the track that looks like a cinder or gravel track. The track itself is approximately 0.75 miles long.

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The waste products are deposited on the entire length and width of this track to a depth of about 25mm. There are billions of pieces of stripped electrical wire and plastic pipe forming the top surface of this track. The lower part of the track was sitting in water over the weekend and the chemicals from this waste is obviously leaching into the ground. The field is approx 250 meters from the Six Mile River. I attach some images of the waste matter. I am aware that this land is up for development and I trust that the environment agency will ensure that this waste will be removed from the site, treated correctly and not used to form foundations or access roads to any new development.

It should be a condition of any planning application/land sale that this waste is removed and any contamination should be cleaned prior to any approval. I hope that after reporting this this issue can be dealt before the land changes ownership and the taxpayer ends up with the costs to rectify this.

I was shocked at how the plastic waste has been used and the sheer number of the bits of plastic at this site, all deposited as a topcoat on a track in the field. Due to the extent of this pollution I had to report this as I am a local person and named in the email but wish to remain anonymous.

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