



----- Incident Details -----

Incident Reference: ECS/VCS 279/21

Incident Source: Environmental Crime Mailbox

Incident Location: [REDACTED]

Easting:  
Northing:

Nearest Property: [REDACTED]

TRIM Reference:

Type of Waste: Mixed Waste  
Waste Discovered: 15/03/2021  
Waste Quantity:  
Licence No.:

General Details

\*Complainant wishes to remain anonymous. Hi, I would like to report electrical and plastic waste products on a site on the [REDACTED]. The location of the waste is in a field as shown in the image in email. The polluted area in a field on the track that looks like a cinder or gravel track. The track itself is approximately 0.75 miles long. 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.

Logged by: [REDACTED]  
Forwarded To: Assessment Unit

**----- Initial Complainant Details -----**

First Name: Anonymous  
Surname: Anonymous

Address: Anonymous  
Anonymous  
County  
AA00 0AA

Contacted on Outcome?: No

Preferred Contact: Email

Phone No.:

Mobile No.:

Email:

**----- Special Interests -----**

<b>Interested Party</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Chief Executive		
MP		
Councilor		
MLA		
Press Officer		
Other		

----- Additional Complainants -----

----- Offender Details -----

Title:  
First Name:  
Surname:  
  
Address:

----- Initial Site Visit Details -----

Date of Visit: 19/03/2021  
Officers Present: [REDACTED]

Initial Visit Observation: On site at land opposite [REDACTED] housing development, [REDACTED] at approximately 10.25hrs. Site was accessed via unlocked gate from the road. This site consisted of a green field with a gravel/tarmac perimeter track which spanned the total perimeter of the field. The track is approximately 2 meters in width. Visible on the track was small plastics of various colors (plastic cuttings/shavings) mixed through a peat topping. [REDACTED] took pictures of the site. When leaving the site two men arrived walking a dog. [REDACTED] asked if they knew whether the land was council or privately owned. One of the men stated the land was privately owned but he was unsure who by. He said the land was previously owned by a [REDACTED] and pointed out a derelict adjoining house towards the rear of the site on the right side. He stated [REDACTED] had passed away more than 15 years ago and that he used to keep and train horses which was the reason for the perimeter track around the field. He stated that the field was always accessible to the public and that local residence regularly made use of the area for dog walking. He went on to say he was aware the land was up for development but that this had been ongoing for some time now. Off site at approximately 10.40hrs. See pictures attached.

----- Follow Up Actions -----

Revisit Date	Officer Present	Observation Notes
23/03/2021	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] - phone call from [REDACTED] Male caller ID himself as [REDACTED], representative of [REDACTED]. I explained I had asked the land owner to make contact in relation to the department's site visit on 19/03/21. I explained the issue of the plastics found on the perimeter track of the file. [REDACTED]

		<p>explained the site has planning approved for development of 124 units (planning ref: LA03/2020/0251/DC). He stated he was unaware of any contaminants on the land. He said any surfacing on the track was contained and not spreading across the land. [REDACTED] explained the previous owners had kept and trained horses and had passed away a number of years ago. He explained that any materials present on the track have been in situ for at least 15 years now. He went on to say that development was hopefully commencing within the next 3-6 months and this would begin with stripping the top spoil from the land and stock-piling it for future use on the site. He explained this would be carried out in iterations and the track would be stock piled separately from the green field section. He stated any environmental impacts will be assessed through an archeological survey and materials would then be processed accordingly at that time. He explained he was aware of the need to segregate and correctly dispose of any environmental contaminants throughout this process. [REDACTED] provided me with the following email address and said I he could be contacted via email or on his mobile if any further questions arise: [REDACTED].</p>
14/04/2021	[REDACTED]	<p>Attended site [REDACTED] at 11.00hrs. Reason for visit was discuss site remediation with land owner. Upon arrival a man identified himself as [REDACTED]. Noted the site was now secured with a gate which was locked using a chain and new signage was present at the entrance. Conducted a walk over the site and [REDACTED] explained he was not currently in a position financially to hire plant machinery to facilitate remediation of the plastics on site. [REDACTED] stated he has been approached by developers who wish to purchase the land and he may sell. He said if he does not sell he will continue with development as planned and was aware of his responsibility to remove the plastics and keep all WTNs for inspection. It was agreed [REDACTED] would be contacted by [REDACTED] within 3 months to assess the status of the site and any developments at this time. [REDACTED] content the plastics are contained within a thin top layer on a gravel track which had been made approximately 20 years prior in order to exercise horses. Off site at 11.15hrs.</p>

----- Key Dates -----

Allocated: 15/03/2021  
Target: 12/04/2021  
Closed: 30/04/2021

Days Elapsed since logged: 46

Team Allocated: [REDACTED]

