

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 09 December 2024

Question from: Andrew Dobson

Question to: Councillor Durrans

The draft permit published for Calder Valley Ship Hire defines 'Permissible periods of abnormal operation' where discharges into air of the regulated substances may exceed the normal emission limit values.

During such periods will a warning system be provided to allow all who wish to take preventative action to protect themselves from increased pollution in the air to do so. Such a system as the flood warning system or the warning at Wyke Chemical Works where a high intensity siren will sound to alert the local community when necessary.

Response

The operator will have an obligation under the conditions of the permit to inform the council if emission levels are exceeded for a period of more than 4 hours. On notification of such an exceedance at any time, council officers will ensure that the incineration of waste ceases until the matter is resolved. Similarly, if concerns are raised by local residents, then these will be dealt with in the same way. For this reason, there is no need for a community warning system as the issue will be dealt with swiftly.