

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 10 February 2025

Question from: George Pickles

Question to: Councillor Durrans

'Planning approval no 20/01169/FUL. Repair of existing partially collapsed ordinary watercourse at Calder Valley Skip Hire Belmont Industrial Estate Sowerby Bridge'

This was submitted by Philip Ryley in 2020 was also supported by an approval from the flood risk management section of Highways and Drainage CMBC. The work was required by that department to be completed by **28th October 2022.**

The Planning Approval for the work has now expired.

No work has been carried out and the collapse endangers adjoining preserved woodland and creates flooding on the waste recycling and proposed incinerator site. This flooding flows across the potentially contaminated waste site directly into the Ryburn. When will the council and its appointed officers, if necessary working with the EA regulators of the permit, address this issue?

Response

Land Drainage Consent was granted for works to an ordinary watercourse in accordance with the documents approved within planning permission reference 20/01169/FUL. The consent has expired as works have not been completed within one year of the consented date. The Council do not have powers to compel a landowner to carry out consented works but do have permissive enforcement powers in limited circumstances.

Should there be grounds for enforcement action, whether formal or informal, this would be typically undertaken following a site investigation once the Council have been notified of flooding/drainage issues. Given the concerns raised an investigation will be opened with relevant action pursued under powers available to the Council.

If any interest remains regarding the progress of the investigation, then interested parties could provide relevant contact information by way of sending an email to the following email address: flooding@calderdale.gov.uk