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## Glossary of Abbreviations / Definitions

ABP	An Bord Pleanála
AER	Annual Environmental Report
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
C&D	Construction and Demolition
CSM	Conceptual Site Model
EC	Electrical Conductivity
EIAR	Environmental Impact Assessment Report
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
GTV	Groundwater Threshold Value (as established by S.I No. 9 of 2010)
H&S	Health and Safety
IGV	Interim Groundwater Value (as established by S.I No. 9 of 2010)
KCC	Kildare County Council
KLRP	Kerdiffstown Landfill Remediation Project
LAeq	Equivalent average sound pressure level over the measuring period,
LA90	The sound pressure level exceeded for ninety percent of the monitoring period which is used to determine the general background noise of an area, and
LA10	The sound pressure level exceeded for ten percent of the monitoring period which provides an indication of the higher range of noise levels experienced in the area.
LOD	Limit of Detection
mAOD	metres Above Ordnance Datum
PAH	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon
PGC	Palmerstown Golf Club
PSDP	Project Supervisor for the Design Stage
PRTR	Pollutant Release Transfer Register
TOC	Total Organic Carbon
SVOC	Semi-Volatile Organic Compound
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound

## Executive Summary

This report summarises the results and findings of environmental monitoring undertaken in 2020 at the Kerdiffstown Landfill near Naas in County Kildare. The landfill is an in-filled sand and gravel quarry which was backfilled with wastes from the 1950s. The facility ceased accepting waste in June 2010. Since its closure the site has been managed and maintained pending remediation works.

The Kerdiffstown site occupies an area of approximately 31 hectares, with an estimated 3.1 million cubic metres of waste present. Until June 2015 the site was under the control of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) following the abandonment of the site by the former operators in June 2010. The site is currently managed and maintained by Kildare County Council (KCC).

In March 2019, KCC were granted an Industrial Emissions Licence (IEL) from the EPA (EPA Reg No.: P1063-01). Schedule D of the licence specifies the required content of this report and this report satisfies these requirements.

This report includes a summary of site activities, incidents and complaints, engineering works, environmental monitoring results, written procedures, summary waste and leachate records for the facility for the period January to December 2020. It also summaries proposed works at the site for 2021.

With respect to complaints, these are a rare occurrence having decreased significantly in recent years with no complaints reported in 2020. In addition, incidents are also a rare occurrence with three incidents reported in 2020.

In 2020, a wide range of environmental monitoring was undertaken at the site including the following:

- Groundwater and surface water monitoring (measurements of water quality and groundwater levels) on a monthly basis to establish the impacts from landfill leachate on the water environment,
- Landfill gas monitoring from onsite and offsite boreholes on a routine basis to determine landfill gas quality and potential for offsite impacts,
- Monitoring of leachate collected for offsite disposal and volumes of leachate discharged offsite on a weekly basis,
- Monthly odour assessments undertaken both on and off site,
- Surface emissions volatile organic compound (VOC) surveys to determine the quantities of VOCs being discharged through the landfill surface,
- Flare stack emissions testing to inform compliance with licence conditions,
- Noise monitoring,
- Geotechnical assessments of slopes to determine slope stability, and,
- Dust monitoring in to determine the dust deposition rate.

This report summarises the findings of the above monitoring and signposts the reader to documents produced for each of the monitoring activities.

The ongoing management of the landfill in its current unremediated state is maintaining a stable condition with the results of environmental monitoring within the



ranges previously detected. Compliance with the Industrial Emission Licence is a primary objective for the project team both now and during the remediation works which began in late 2020.



## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. About this Report

This report includes a summary of all site activities, incidents and complaints, engineering works, environmental monitoring results, written procedures, summary waste and leachate records as well as detailed drawings for the Kerdiffstown Landfill facility for the period January to December 2020.

Following the commencement of an intervention at the site in February 2011 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and between 2015 and 2020 Kildare County Council (KCC) has continued to take measures to manage activities at the site and to reduce the potential environmental impact of the site. In November 2018, KCC took ownership of the site and associated lands (See section 1.2.2 below for more details).

**Table 1.1 Kerdiffstown Landfill - General Information**

Industrial emissions register no:	P1063-01	
Name of intervening authority, name and address of facility:	Intervening Authority: Kildare County Council Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare	Address of Facility: Kerdiffstown Landfill Johnstown Naas Co. Kildare
Site Description:	Kerdiffstown landfill is located 0.5km Northwest of Johnstown, County Kildare and 3.5 km north-east of Naas town. The landfill is an in-filled sand and gravel quarry which was backfilled with wastes from the 1950s. The facility ceased accepting waste in June 2010. Since the sites closure the site has been managed and maintained pending any restoration works.  The Kerdiffstown site occupies an area of approximately 31 ha, with an estimated 3.1 million m <sup>3</sup> of waste present.	

### 1.2. Background to Kerdiffstown Landfill Remediation Project

The landfill is an in-filled sand and gravel quarry which was progressively backfilled with wastes by a variety of operators from the 1950s onwards. The former operator first occupied the site and began receiving waste material during the mid-1990s.

In June 2010, Neiphin Trading, who operated the site between 1995 and 2010, vacated the site and it was left in an unsecured condition. In January 2011, a major fire developed within a mass of mounded waste material present in the north of the site which required the intervention of several regulatory agencies (including the EPA).

The site was under the control of the Kildare Fire Service until late February 2011, when it was handed over to the care of the EPA, who took emergency measures (under powers of the Waste Management Act) to contain and limit the environmental impact. Since the fire was brought under control and extinguished in 2011 the site remained under 'emergency measures' and the EPA implemented a series of follow up works to deal with the most immediate risks. In June 2015 control of the site was handed over to Kildare County Council (KCC).

The facility at Kerdiffstown previously operated under waste licence W0047-01 issued by the EPA in 2003 (and subsequent revised licence W0047-02 issued in 2006). The site consisted of an extensive recycling facility, now dismantled, an authorised lined landfill which was partially filled with waste and a large area in which substantial quantities of waste has been deposited. The main area of waste deposition is in the unlined north-western area of the landfill. There are also smaller volumes of waste stockpiled around the site. The presence of such large quantities of waste and the lack of appropriate infrastructure to manage polluting emissions gives rise to the risk of environmental pollution.

The Kerdiffstown facility is no longer managed under the terms of the previous waste licence (W0047-02). The EPA and subsequently KCC took control and managed the site under emergency powers (Section 56 of the Waste Management Act (as amended)) until 12 November 2018 (see Section 1.2.2 below).

Although the former waste licence was no longer in effect (since September 2010) a range of environmental monitoring continued to be undertaken during between 2011 and up to March 2019. The range and frequency of monitoring was based on the requirements of the former waste licence which was subsequently modified to suit project requirements. The monitoring data gathered between 2011 and the first half of 2017 was used to support a planning application in the form of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and an Industrial Emissions Licence (IEL) application to replace the former waste licence. Subsequent monitoring conducted in the latter half of 2017, throughout 2018 and up to February 2019 was been undertaken to monitor the environmental risk profile of the site and document any changes.

### **1.3. Current Regulatory Regime**

The site is currently under the control of KCC with responsibility for implementing the remediation and ongoing management of the site. The statutory approvals required to undertake the remediation have been put in place as set out below.

In August 2017, an application for planning approval and compulsory purchase of associated lands was made to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) to enable the remediation of the site. Approval was granted in May 2018 (ABP Ref 09.JA0041) for both the planning application and compulsory purchase order (CPO). The lands associated with the Kerdiffstown facility are now in the possession of KCC effective from 12 November 2018.

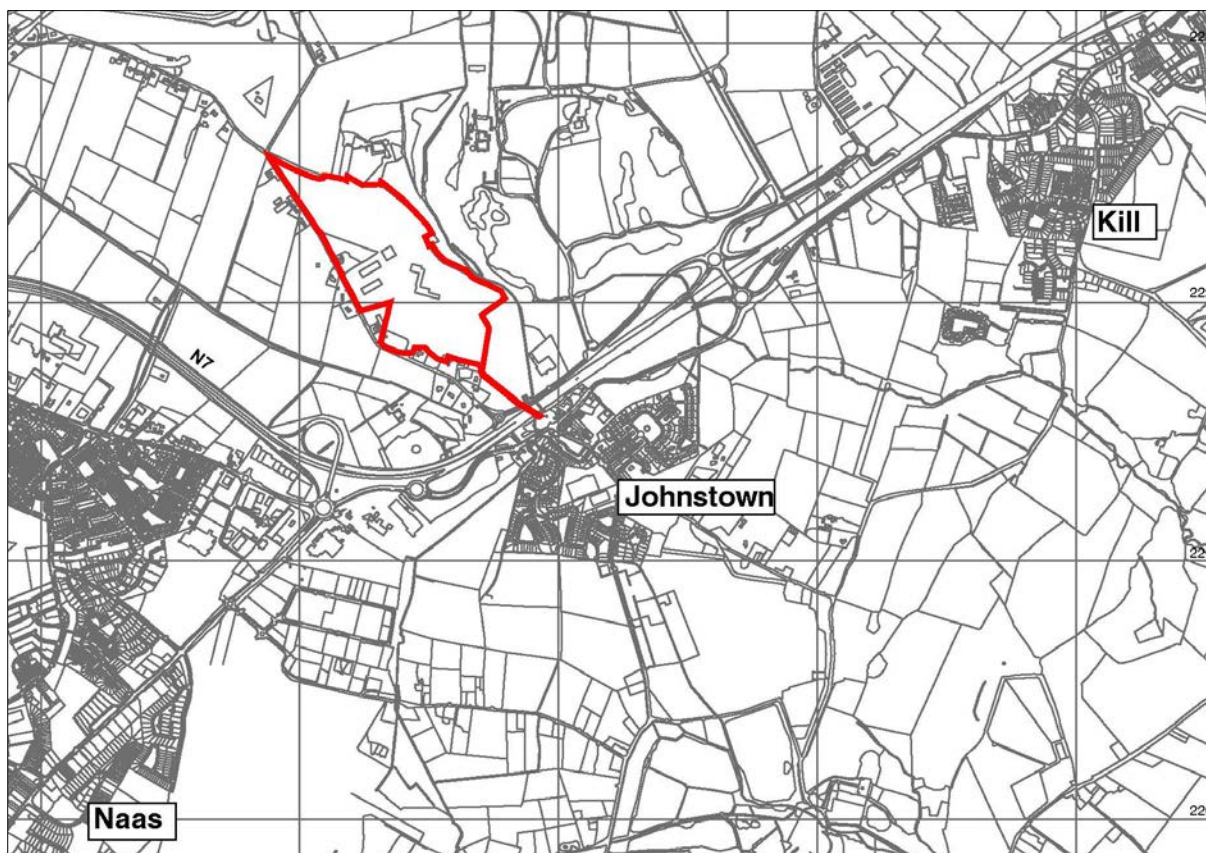
In September 2017, KCC applied for an Industrial Emissions Licence (IEL) to EPA the supported by an EIAR (EPA Licence Reg Number P1063-01). This licence was granted on 07 March 2019 and the requirements of this licence have been incorporated into this report.

## 1.4. Site Location

The site location is provided below in Plate 1.1 and attached as Figure 1. The site layout is provided in Figure 2. The site is located c. 3.5 km northeast of Naas and approximately 0.5 km northwest of the N7 and Johnstown village. To the northeast is parkland associated with Kerdiffstown House, to the north is a golf course and to the south west and south east are a mixture of land uses including residential, agriculture and worked out quarries.

The L2005 County Road from Sallins to Johnstown runs next to the western and southern site boundaries, with the nearest residential property approximately ten metres from the site boundary. It should be noted that the redline boundary as shown on all figures is the Industrial Emissions Licence boundary.

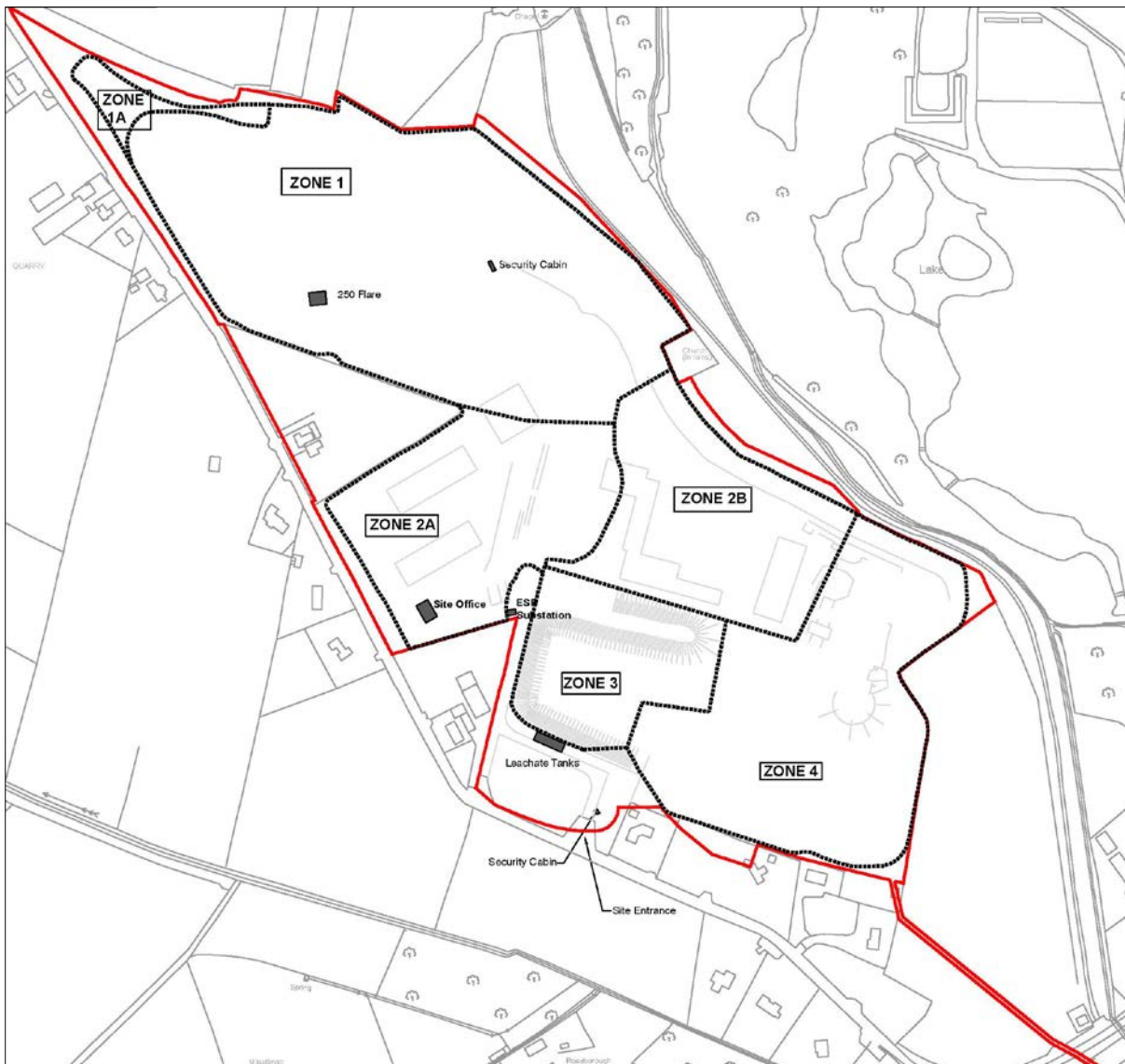
### Plate 1.1: Site Location Plan




## 1.5. Current Site Layout


The current site layout is attached as Figure 2. Plate 1.2 below shows the site subdivided into several discrete geographical areas, or zones, each of which has its own unique characteristics. The layout of the various zones with information on the key characteristics of the materials within each zone is summarised in Table 1.2.

### Plate 1.2: Site Zones





**Table 1.2 Key Characteristics of the Landfill Zones**

Zone Number	Zone Key Characteristics
<p><b>Zone 1</b> (comprising sub Zones 1 &amp; 1A)</p> 	<p>Estimated Area: 100,000m<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Estimated Waste Volume: 2,023,000m<sup>3</sup></p> <p>Wastes deposited in Zone 1 located to the north-west area of the site accounts for approximately 65% of the entire estimated volume of waste on site. The wastes in this area are typically unprocessed, highly odorous and principally comprise non-hazardous mixed construction and demolition (C&amp;D) wastes and household / Municipal Solid Wastes (MSW). C&amp;D wastes are noted to contain varying amounts of clay, gravel, concrete, brick, wood, textile, plastic, rubber and metal. The MSW within this zone is described as having plastic, textiles, wood, ash paper, cables and steel in varying proportions. The MSW wastes are found over most of the zone, although there appears to be more C&amp;D waste in the north-west corner of the zone (e.g. borehole EMW12 and BH18). This area has therefore been designated as Zone 1A to reflect this reduced risk profile. To the southern end of Zone 1, wastes are observed to be more silty (e.g. BH11, BH12) with C&amp;D and MSW waste within the silt. Throughout Zone 1, where waste is encountered, it is considered that there is sufficient putrescible material (material that contains organic material which capable of decomposing) within the waste to class the wastes as non-hazardous biodegradable waste.</p> <p>Zone 1 is unlined and uncapped, with no means of limiting leachate generation or management.</p> <p>There are a series of landfill gas wells present across Zone 1, extracting gas to a flare. The average overall quality of gas from Zone 1, based on values recorded in the landfill gas extraction wells, is methane 23% v/v carbon dioxide 25% v/v and &lt;1% v/v oxygen. The gas wells cover selected areas of the zone based on targeting areas of odour generation.</p>

Zone Number	Zone Key Characteristics
<p><b>Zone 2</b> (comprising sub Zones 2A &amp; 2B)</p> 	<p>Estimated Area: 83,000m<sup>2</sup> Estimated Waste Volume: 660,000m<sup>3</sup></p> <p>Zone 2 comprises largely flat areas with thick reinforced concrete hardstanding covering an area of approximately 58,000m<sup>2</sup> which form an impermeable layer over the wastes and prevent direct rainwater ingress. Walls from the former buildings of the waste processing facility also remain.</p> <p>Wastes in this zone were observed to be unprocessed non-hazardous mixed C&amp;D waste with varying amounts of clay, gravel, brick, concrete, wood, textile, paper, plastic, rubber and metal. Domestic waste (MSW) is also present in this area at varying depths mixed in with C&amp;D materials.</p> <p>This area was originally assessed as one zone, however, review of ground investigations and subsequent monitoring data confirms that wastes in Zone 2A comprise more MSW than that in Zone 2B. Initial readings of gas shown on borehole logs show that relatively high concentrations of methane and carbon dioxide have been present in Zone 2A and 2B with two locations exceeding 20% methane. Monitoring undertaken in May and June 2017 shows a variable picture in Zone 2A with the average methane concentration ranging between 1.4% and 30 % v/v. Zone 2B shows very low concentrations of methane between 0.0% v/v and 0.9% v/v.</p> <p>The majority of waste in Zone 2B is reported in the borehole logs to comprise unprocessed non-hazardous mixed C&amp;D waste with varying amounts of clay, gravel, brick, concrete, wood, textile, paper, plastic, rubber (including tyres) and metal but with MSW also present at varying depths mixed in within the C&amp;D materials.</p> <p>The wastes are generally described as being dry, although damp or wet wastes are identified closer to the groundwater table with saturated wastes shown in the boreholes where waste is at the lowest elevation in Zone 2B (e.g. in BH9 and BH50). No saturated wastes have been identified in Zone 2A.</p> <p>The areas beyond the hardstanding are uncapped in Zones 2A and 2B. Like Zone 1, there is no means of managing leachate generated in the waste although the presence of hardstanding will limit leachate generation through infiltration.</p>



Zone Number	Zone Key Characteristics
<p><b>Zone 3</b></p> 	<p>Estimated Area: 24,000m<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Estimated Waste Volume: 193,000m<sup>3</sup></p> <p>Zone 3 comprises a cell with engineered basal and side slopes lining system and is referred to as the 'Lined Cell'. The wastes in Zone 3 comprise a mixture of waste similar to the wastes elsewhere on site including processed non-hazardous waste derived from composting tunnels, C&amp;D materials and unprocessed domestic waste mixed through. Substantial quantities of woodchip were used as daily cover for the waste in the cell.</p> <p>C&amp;D wastes contain varying amounts of clay, gravel, concrete, brick, wood, textile, plastic, rubber and metal. Non-hazardous waste excavated from the location of the fire at the site in 2011 was also deposited in the lined cell; volume approximately 35,000m<sup>3</sup>. Following demolition of the site buildings in 2016, non-hazardous wastes that had been stockpiled in and around the buildings was removed and deposited to the lined cell; approximate volume 14,000m<sup>3</sup>.</p> <p>Zone 3 has a temporary cap applied over the existing waste mass. Landfill gas wells extract gas to a flare. The average overall quality of gas from Zone 3, based on values recorded in the landfill gas extraction wells, is methane 25% v/v, carbon dioxide 25 %v/v and &lt;1%v/v oxygen. Pumps located within inclined risers extending to the base of the cell extract leachate for transfer to tankers and removal from the site.</p>

Zone Number	Zone Key Characteristics
<p><b>Zone 4</b></p> 	<p>Estimated Area: 45,000m<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Estimated Waste Volume: 227,000m<sup>3</sup></p> <p>Zone 4 contains large waste stockpiles, redundant infrastructure and concrete tanks/bays/walls in the lower yard area, with thick reinforced concrete hardstandings covering an area of approximately 12,000m<sup>2</sup>. The area also contains a surface water soakaway lagoon which is cut into waste deposits and into which leachate from the adjacent waste stockpiles currently drains.</p> <p>Stockpiles comprise both processed and unprocessed non-hazardous mixed C&amp;D waste and household waste. The majority of waste in Zone 4 is reported in borehole and trial pit logs to comprise C&amp;D waste with a high proportion of inert material (predominantly reported as gravelly clay) with varying amounts of plastic, timber, textiles, steel, concrete, brick, PVC pipes. The logs (30 No.) do not generally report any MSW to be present (although the logs for BH4 to BH6 do describe the wastes as MSW. However, based on the actual description of the materials and proportion of these the materials are indicative of C&amp;D waste rather than MSW).</p> <p>Where gas readings have been taken and reported in the borehole logs, it is reported that methane and carbon dioxide concentrations are largely absent from the wastes or less than 1%v/v within this zone.</p> <p>The bottom 1 to 2m of wastes is below the water table in this area. The areas beyond the hardstandings are uncapped. The hardstandings will limit rainwater and surface water infiltration to an extent.</p>

## 1.6. Conceptual Site Model (CSM)

To evaluate risks at the site a Source-Pathway-Receptor (S-P-R) based approach has been used. For a risk to exist there must be a source (e.g. landfilled wastes), a receptor (or receptor groups) and an environmental pathway, through which contaminants present within the source can come into contact with an identified receptor. This is the basis for the S-P-R conceptual model for environmental management.

- Conceptual Site Models (CSMs) for the different zones of the existing site have been developed based on the following guidance:
- Code of Practice: Environmental Risk Assessment for Unregulated Disposal Sites 2007 (EPA 2007),
- Framework Approach for the Management of Contaminated Land and Groundwater at EPA Licensed Facilities 2012a (EPA 2012a), and
- Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination (EA 2004).

The conceptual models are based on the long-established ‘source-pathway-receptor’ approach that without all three components being in place there can be no risk to the receiving environment. The CSMs for the zones are presented graphically in Plate 1.3 and Plate 1.4 below for Zone 1 and as part of Figures 4.1 to 4.2. Within each figure the CSMs show how the identified source-pathway-receptor linkage will be addressed within the remediation works. The available information (historical aerial photos and the logs from DB09 and DB10) for the area of land to the south of Zones 3 and 4 would indicate that there is no waste in this area, and as such there is no source present and a pollution linkage does not exist for this land.

Whilst there has been no investigation of the area of land known as Tunny’s Field, the historical aerial photos would suggest that waste is absent in this area and as such there is no source present and a pollution linkage does not exist for this area of land. Further information relating to the CSMs is available in Chapter 12 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report available on [www.kerdiffstowncleanup.ie](http://www.kerdiffstowncleanup.ie)

## 1.7. Scope of Report

This Annual Environmental Report (AER) was prepared by KCC for the reporting year 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. The scope of the AER is based on Schedule D of the IEL (P1063-01). **Appendix A** provides a list of AER requirements and signposts the reader to the relevant section where the required information can be found.

The report includes a summary of all site activities, incidents and complaints, engineering works, environmental monitoring results, written procedures, summary waste and leachate records as well as relevant drawings for the year 2020.

A Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) for reporting of annual mass emissions and waste transfers has been completed using the Environmental Performance Reporting (EPR) online application as through the EPAs EDEN portal.

## 1.8. Reporting Completed During 2020

Table 1.3 summarises the reports that have been undertaken as part of the environmental monitoring tasks completed during 2020. It should be noted that some reports are not at final stage, but all data and conclusions have been compiled into this AER.

**Table 1.3 Reports Produced in 2020**

Discipline	Title
Groundwater	Groundwater Quarterly Monitoring Report for Kildare County Council Q1 to Q4 2020
Surface Water	Surface Water Summary Reports for Kildare County Council January to December 2020
	Surface Water Quarterly Monitoring Report for Kildare County Council Q1 to Q4 2020
Leachate	Leachate Quarterly Monitoring Report for Kildare County Council Q1 to Q4 2020
Odour Monitoring	Monthly Odour Monitoring Reports
VOC Survey Report	Report on Surface Area Monitoring of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) Emissions to Air (25 Jun 20) Report on Surface Area Monitoring of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) Emissions to Air (22 Oct 20)
Flare	Stack Emissions Testing Report (25 Jun 20) Stack Emissions Testing Report (22 Oct 20)
Geotechnical	Quarterly Inclinator Readings
Dust	Dust Monitoring Report (June 2020)
	Dust Monitoring Report (Aug-Sep 2020)
	Dust Monitoring Report (Nov - Dec 2020)
Noise	Noise Monitoring Reports

## 2. Management and Staffing Structure

### 2.1. Management and Staffing Structure of the Installation

The site was managed and maintained by the EPA between February 2011 and June 2015. In June 2015 Kildare County Council took over responsibility for the management of the site. Key KCC staff currently includes Mr. Joe Boland who serves as the Director of Services for the Environment Section of KCC and Mr. Michael Holligan Senior Engineer within the Environment department of KCC.

Ultan Downes is the Site Manager with responsibility for management of all activities and control systems on site. Key contacts are provided in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1 KLRP Project Team**

Name	Position
Joe Boland	Director of Services
Michael Holligan	Senior Engineer
Ultan Downes	Site Manager (Senior Executive Scientist)
James Mulligan	Project Manager (Senior Executive Engineer)
Kathleen O'Brien	Executive Engineer
Claire McLaughlin	Executive Scientist
Joan McCormack	Executive Scientist
Samantha McLeod	Environmental Technician
John Harrison	Administrative Officer
Mary Nevin	Staff Officer

In 2020, KCC also had a supporting team of various specialist contractors and consultants working on the KLRP. RPS Group is providing consultancy advice in relation to engineering aspects of the remediation project.

In November 2020, Wills Bros Ltd were appointed the main contractor to undertake the remediation works in accordance with the EPA approved Specified Engineering Works.

### 2.2. Environmental Management System

An environmental management system (EMS) for the facility was developed in June 2013 as part of the first phase of investigative works. **Tables 2.2** and **2.3** provide the names of environmental and standard operating procedures that form part of the EMS. The SOPs provide detailed information on how to manage and maintain several key operations on site including procedures to follow in response to incidents and/or emergency situations and Health and Safety protocols.

The EMS is continually review in accordance with the IEL requirements and has been implemented on site since September 2019 to align with site arrangements and procedures to comply with the Licence.

**Table 2.2 Environmental Procedures**

Environmental Procedures	
EP01	Environmental Objectives and Targets Procedure
EP02	Communication Procedure
EP03	Training Procedure
EP04	Complaints Procedure
EP05	Purchasing Contractors, Goods and Services Procedure
EP06	Document Control and Records Procedure
EP07	Monitoring and Measurement Procedure
EP08	Corrective and Preventative Action Procedure
EP09	Management Review Procedure
EP10	Audit and Compliance Procedure

**Table 2.3 Standard Operating Procedures**

Standard Operating Procedures	
SOP01	Leachate Management Procedure
SOP02	Landfill Gas Management Procedure
SOP03	Surface Water Management Procedure
SOP04	Environmental Monitoring Procedure
SOP05	Site Security Procedure
SOP06	Control of Contractors Procedure
SOP07	Site Supervision Procedure
SOP08	Spill Procedure
SOP09	Waste Management Procedure
SOP10	Delivery, Storage and use of Chemicals Procedure
SOP11	Emergency Preparedness
SOP12	Emergency Response
SOP13	Lone Working Procedure
SOP14	Alarm Activation Procedure
SOP15	Leachate Tankering
SOP16	Hazardous Waste Management

### 2.2.1. Objectives and Targets 2020

The Environmental Goals outlined in Table 2.4 below have been driven by ensuring compliance with the new licence conditions granted in March 2019.

**Table 2.4 Environmental Goals Achieved in 2020**

Environmental Objective	Target Date	Progress
Review and update Management Plans for the installation based on IEL conditions.	September 2019 (6 months post licence grant)	Complete
Develop Management Plans for the installation based on IEL conditions.	September 2019 (6 months post licence grant)	Complete and subject to ongoing review.
Installation of an engineered capping system (Zones 1A, 1, 2A, 2B, 3) and cover system (Zone 4) to enable water control and limit leachate generation.	Within 7 years of IEAL issue date	Underway as part of remediation works.
Inspection and repair of existing concrete hardstandings (joints and cracks).	Within 7 years of IEAL issue date	Revised proposal determined for the capping of the areas on hardstanding removing the need to repair existing concrete.
Develop Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) in advance of remediation works.	Prior to commencement of works by Appointed Main Contractor for the Remediation Works	Complete. CEMP developed as part of appointment of Wills Bros Ltd.
Install Installation Notice Board (As per Condition 3.3 of Licence)	April 2019 (1 month post licence grant)	Complete
Environmental Management System (Condition 2.2)	Sept 2019 (6 months post licence grant)	Complete – update of existing EMS completed and ongoing.

Environmental Objective	Target Date	Progress
Sumps, storage tanks, lagoons fitted with High level alarms (Condition 3.11)	Sept 2019 (6 months post licence grant)	Complete
Fugitive Emissions Programme (Condition 6.11)	Sept 2019 (6 months post licence grant)	Complete – included as part of EMS
Pipe and Tank Integrity Testing (Condition 6.11)	Sept 2019 (6 months post licence grant)	Completed
Data Management System	Sept 2019 (6 months post licence grant)	Complete. Existing system documented
Energy Efficiency Audit (Condition 7.1)	Within 12 months of grant	Complete
Accident Prevention Procedure (Condition 9.1)	September 2019 (6 months post licence grant)	Complete
Emergency Response Procedure (Condition 9.2)	September 2019 (6 months post licence grant)	Complete
CRAMP (Condition 10.2)	September 2019 (6 months post licence grant)	Complete
ELRA (Condition 12.3.2)	September 2019 (6 months post licence grant)	Complete
Review and update Monitoring and Control Management Plan to develop Trigger Levels.	Trigger levels 2020 established and submitted to Agency for review.	Complete
Firewater Risk Assessment in accordance with new EPA Guidance.	Submitted in July 2020.	Complete

### 2.2.2. Objectives and Targets 2021

Our 2021 objectives seek to maintain compliance with the licence and provide for continuous improvements in relation to site operations.



**Table 2.5 Environmental Objectives for 2021**

Environmental Objectives	Target Date
Compliance with IEL Licence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance with IE Licence granted by EPA</li> <li>• Maintenance of Site Documentation</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Ongoing Management of the Site and associated infrastructure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operation of the site on a day to day basis.</li> <li>• Maintenance and control of landfill gas and leachate control systems.</li> <li>• Site fully secured.</li> <li>• Health &amp; Safety management.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Complete Annual Environmental Monitoring Programme in accordance with requirements of Licence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring.</li> <li>• Leachate Monitoring.</li> <li>• Odour Monitoring.</li> <li>• Landfill Gas Monitoring.</li> <li>• Air Monitoring.</li> <li>• Noise Monitoring.</li> <li>• Geotechnical Monitoring.</li> <li>• Meteorological Monitoring.</li> </ul>	31/12/2021
Soil Monitoring (Condition 6.22)	Within 3 years of grant (March 2022)
Monitoring of Emissions to Sewer - install a composite sampler. (Schedule C.3.2)	Not complete as discharges to sewer not currently possible. This will be in place once discharge to sewer commences.
Install new landfill gas flares, sized according to gas pumping trials.	Underway as part of remediation works.
Extend gas management system across Zones 1 and 3. Revised as part of detailed design now includes Zone 2A and 2B. Subject to tender process currently.	Underway as part of remediation works.
Construct Landfill Infrastructure Compound including leachate treatment plant and leachate transfer pipeline to Johnstown PS for treatment and discharge of leachate from the site.	Underway as part of remediation works.

Environmental Objectives	Target Date
Extend leachate management infrastructure to Zone 1 monitoring wells to enable monitoring and extraction of leachate (where identified).	Underway as part of remediation works.
Installation of an engineered capping system (Zones 1A, 1, 2A, 2B, 3) and cover system (Zone 4) to enable water control and limit leachate generation.	Underway as part of remediation works.

### 2.3. Statement on Financial Provision

In 2015, the Minister of the Environment confirmed that the Department of the Environment will fund the costs of remediation and ongoing management costs of remediation, estimated to be €30 Million. In carrying forward the remediation project the Minister agreed that the Department of the Environment will act as Sanctioning Authority for the purposes of the Public Spending Code, and Kildare County Council will act as the Project Sponsor. The direct funding role will end when the site has been remediated and this has been confirmed by the EPA to the Minister.

The Council accepts responsibility for the aftercare maintenance and environmental monitoring costs. Furthermore, the minister indemnifies the Council with respect to any unforeseen environmental or related risks that arise in the period from the transfer date to certification by the EPA that remediation is complete and the aftercare period has commenced.

Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding the DCCAE will fund the costs of remediation and any liabilities arising during the remediation up to the point where the remediation project has been completed and aftercare period has been deemed to have commenced by the EPA.

Thereafter KCC will make provision for aftercare costs for the facility and will agree documentation with the Agency in this regard prior to the commencement of aftercare period. Appropriate Environmental Insurance will also be put in place to cover any unforeseen events during the aftercare period with an appropriate product agreed to the satisfaction of the Agency at the appropriate time.

KCC submitted an updated Environmental Liabilities Risk Assessment (ELRA) to the EPA in September 2019 and is currently awaiting feedback/approval on the contents of the ELRA report.

### 2.4. Statement on Closure Aftercare and Management Plan

As the site was left in an unsecured condition with significant waste deposits in predominantly unlined areas by the former operator, an initial screening exercise has identified the site to be a “Category 2 with long term issues (e.g. contaminated land)”. The licence granted to Kildare County Council will enable the remediation of the site forms the basis of the closure, restoration and aftercare proposals for the site, supported by risk assessments (e.g. DQRA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

The Planned Programme for Improvement includes for the preparation of a Closure Restoration and Aftercare Management Plan to embrace conditions of the IEL and

planning approval, taking cognisance of the proposed end-use of the site as a multi-use public park.

It is anticipated that due to the residual contaminated land issues comprising waste in unlined areas remediated with capping system, clean closure may not be achievable. Closure proposals will therefore include consideration of groundwater conditions to determine an appropriate aftercare period and approach.

A revised CRAMP for the site has been provided for agreement by the EPA in September 2019 and included fully detailed and costed plan for the closure, restoration and long-term aftercare of the site.

## **2.5. Statement on Environmental Liabilities**

KCC are as part of the AER required to provide an annual statement as to the measures taken or adopted at the site in relation to the prevention of environmental damage, and the financial provisions in place, as appropriate in relation to the underwriting of costs for remedial actions following anticipated events (including closure) or accidents/incidents, as may be associated with the carrying on of the activity.

Kildare County Council submitted an Environmental Liabilities Risk Assessment (ELRA) on 06 September 2019. It is KCC's considered position that the contents of the ELRA as submitted remain valid. The overall status of the site remains unchanged from when the ELRA was undertaken and therefore the potential risks identified remain unchanged as do the measures in place to mitigate these risks.

## **2.6. Communication Programme**

Throughout 2020, Kildare County Council communicated with the public via the Kerdiffstown website (<http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/KerdiffstownPark/>). The website provided information about work ongoing at Kerdiffstown Landfill. Further information and updates were posted on the website as the remedial project progressed, to help keep residents, stakeholders and all interested parties fully informed and up to date with progress on the project. Community updates were provided in the 'latest news' section of the website.

In addition to the website the Project utilised the 'KCC Map Alerter' system to notify the public of any disruptions (such as traffic management restrictions as a result of road works).

Due to restrictions associated with Covid 19, community liaison meetings were not held on site as planned and as had been the case in previous years. Instead quarterly bulletins were issued to the community liaison group as well as frequent direct contact with those landowners who were directly affected by the works being undertaken in 2020.

In November 2020 following the announcement of the signing of the main works contract with Wills Bros Limited a virtual Community Liaison meeting was held to ensure that all the key stakeholders were informed and also introduced to the contractor.

It was agreed that community liaison meetings would be held monthly thereafter, and another meeting was then held in December 2020.

### Road Realignment Works

Beginning in Q4 2019 a widening of the L2005 local road as well of the development of new site entrance to Kerdiffstown Landfill began. These works marked one to the first major steps to enable the remediation of Kerdiffstown Landfill. These works were publicised in the local community as well as letter drops conducted to residents.

The contractor undertaking the works also met with the Community Liaison Group meeting in Q4 2019. The works were interrupted by the first Covid-19 lockdown in March 2020 until May 2020. The works were completed in October 2020.

### **Communications Plan 2021**

KCC will continue to engage with stakeholders, elected members, residents groups, and the Community Liaison Group throughout 2021.

The following programme of communications is planned throughout 2021 and the main works:

- Monthly community Liaison Group Meetings held virtually or in person when Covid 19 restrictions allow.
- Weekly/fortnightly updates to the Kildare County Council website on the dedicated Kerdiffstown Park Page (<http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/AllServices/KerdiffstownPark/latestnews/> )

These updates will provide a key source of information to the community of the planned works in the following week(s)

- Direct Liaison with residents who may be directly affected by the works
- Letter drops to the wider community in the vicinity of the site (1km radius)
- Social Media and press releases of further significant developments
- Presentations to local elected representatives regarding progress

All press releases, updates and relevant environmental information can be accessed via the website.

### Main Remediation Works

The main contractor, Wills Bros Limited (WBL), was appointed in November 2020. WBL will have a key role in ensuring that the local community are kept informed of planned works for the duration of the remediation, but all communication will be managed via the Kerdiffstown Park Project Team

The above communications methods as well as a co-ordinated communication from both the KCC project team and the main contractor will keep stakeholders informed and provide the necessary outlets for any concerns or issues that may arise.

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## 2.7. Duty & Standby Capacities of Mitigation Measures

A number of interim 'emergency measures' were implemented by the EPA following successful extinguishing of the fire within the wastes at the site in 2011. This was to deal with the key environmental liability issues arising from leachate and landfill gas production. These measures continue to be maintained and improved upon by KCC and are summarised as follows:

Control of landfill gas through the use of gas well fields and a gas flare. Currently only one flare is required (known as the 250 flare) and operates 24 hours a day seven days a week, fed from two independent gas fields situated within the Zone 3 in the south of the site and the Zone 1 in north-western zone of the landfill.

This system also serves to deal with odours generated from the landfill as gas and odour generation is to a large degree interlinked. Wastes in the north-western zone are not capped and thus gas (and odours) will also freely vent to atmosphere.

Waste was deposited in the lined cell during the operation of the site as a landfill, during post-fire clean-up operations and as part of the waste removal activities during the Demolition and Waste Removal Contract in 2017. This waste was covered using a temporary capping system to limit the venting of landfill gases and odours.

Provision of leachate collection facilities from the lined cell, currently involving tankering and off-site disposal of leachate, which collects in a controlled area within the lined cell in the southern area of the site to a licenced facility on a as required basis.

Deployment of a full time site manager and project team who is involved in the daily management of the gas and leachate collection systems and who oversees a number of other key daily environmental monitoring and surveillance activities at the site, (e.g. monitoring of surface water conditions, gas concentrations in monitoring wells etc.), development of interim site management procedures (and continued refinement of such), supervision of contractors, continued liaison with interested third parties etc.

## 2.8. Incidents, Complaints and Non-compliances

All incidents and complaints are recorded on site by the KCC site management. An incident or complaints report sheet is filled out within 24 hours of an incident occurring or upon receiving a complaint and a record kept in the site incident and complaints folder. The site manager is notified of any incidents or complaints as soon as practically possible. It is the responsibility of the site manager to ensure that all appropriate action is taken to deal with each incident or complaint as soon as possible. Senior personnel are notified of incidents or complaints at monthly team meetings.

### 2.8.1. Incidents

There were three incidents reported in 2020. Each of these reports were reported to the EPA, one of which is ongoing. **Appendix C** provides a further detail on these incidents.

### 2.8.2. Complaints

No complaints were received in 2020.

**2.8.3. Non-compliances**

During 2020 the EPA did not issue any non-compliance notices in relation to the operation of the site.

### **3. Review of Nuisance Controls**

#### **3.1. Litter Control**

It is the responsibility of the site management to ensure that the site is kept free from wind-blown litter. Walkovers are undertaken around the perimeter of the facility to check for litter and any fly tipping activities. All contractors working on site have been instructed to implement good hygiene practices and ensure that all litter is collected and disposed of in an appropriate manner.

There were no issues with litter noted during the reporting year.

#### **3.2. Vermin Control**

A pest control company was appointed by KCC to manage pest control on site. In 2020 a total of thirty bait boxes were positioned along the southern boundary fence which is close to several residential properties. An additional two bait boxes are positioned at the site offices and at the landfill gas flare. Twice-monthly maintenance checks were carried out whereby bait is replenished, and records kept of vermin activity. Overall, a low amount of vermin activity was noted by the contractor at the bait stations during the reporting year. No complaints were reported by local residents during 2020 in relation to vermin indicating that the current control methods are sufficient to deal with any vermin present on site. Pest control will continue during 2021.

#### **3.3. Bird Control**

Birds are no longer a nuisance on site since the facility closed in June 2010 and therefore bird control measures are not required.

#### **3.4. Flying Insects**

Flies and other flying insects are no longer a nuisance on site since the facility closed in June 2010.

#### **3.5. Odour Control**

Odour control systems have been put in place in the Zone 1 (the north-western area) and Zone 3 (the lined cell). Odour control is managed through the regular monitoring and rebalancing of the in-waste gas extraction wells, gas pipework and landfill gas flares. In Zone 3, a heavy-duty membrane has been placed over the waste material to assist with odour management and to reduce air ingress during gas extraction operations.

In all a total of thirty-nine gas extraction wells have been installed in both areas (twenty-five wells in Zone 1 and fourteen wells in the lined cell area of Zone 3) which are monitored and maintained on a weekly basis as a minimum. Five of these gas wells were brought on-line in early 2017 having been installed during the site investigations during the last quarter of 2016. Odour surveys are conducted offsite on a monthly basis by KCC. As part of a daily site walkover the site management also assesses odours particularly in areas where sensitive receptors are located nearby.

### **3.6. Dust Control**

There were no issues with dust raised with facility management during 2020. Two dust deposition surveys were conducted in 2020, the first round was conducted between May and June 2020 and the second was conducted between August and September 2020. There were no exceedances of the licence limit of 350 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day. (see section 7.5.2 for further details).

As part of the remediation works it has been agreed to undertake monthly dust monitoring throughout the duration of the project.

### **3.7. Noise Control**

There were no issues noted in relation to noise generated by activities on the site during the reporting period (see section 7.10 for further details).



## 4. Emissions Management

### 4.1. Emissions from the facility

Controlled emissions from the site are limited to landfill gas and leachate as described below.

### 4.2. Landfill Gas Management

Active gas extraction occurs in two areas of the site: in Zone 1 and Zone 3. Zone 3 consists of the lined cell, where the wastes have been covered with a temporary heavy-duty membrane to assist with odour management and to reduce air from being drawn in during gas extraction operations. Gas extraction is accomplished via a network of gas extraction wells and pipework. Gas is removed and burnt in a specially manufactured stainless-steel high temperature gas flare i.e. the 250 flare.

There were formerly are two flares on site, one with capacity 250 m<sup>3</sup>/hr (known as the 250 flare), the second with capacity 500 m<sup>3</sup>/hr (known as the 500 flare). The 500 flare was removed from site on 06 July 2018 to another site for operational reasons on the receiving site. It was determined that the 250 flare was capable of maintaining adequate management of the gas fields in Zone 1 and Zone 3 with all gas extracted is burned in the 250 flare.

The flow of gas entering the 250 flare is controlled through the booster unit which is currently set to approximately 80m<sup>3</sup>/hr to maximize gas extraction from both areas while ensuring little or no air is drawn in across uncapped areas. Based on gas yields the extraction of gas from Zone 1 compared to the lined cell area is approximately 4:1.

**Table 4.1 On site Gas Extraction Wells**

Zone	Nomenclature	No. of Gas Wells	Approx. Depth (m)
Zone 1	LG1 to LG10	10	6
	LG25 to LG34	10	20
	LG35 to LG39	5	29 to 32
Zone 3	LG11 to LG24	14	3 to 6

Table 4.1 above shows that within the Zone 3 there are 14 gas wells, installed to depths between three metres and six metres (LG11 – LG24). Within Zone 1 there are twenty-five gas wells installed to depths between six metres and twenty metres. The shallow wells are labelled LG1 to LG10 while the deeper wells are labelled LG25 to LG34. Five additional gas extraction wells were installed in Zone 1 during 2016 to boost declining methane concentrations. The location of these wells was aided by a VOC survey, completed by Odour Monitoring Ireland in July 2016, which identified several locations where landfill gas was freely venting to air in the Zone 1 area.

These wells (LG35 to LG39) vary in depth between twenty-nine and thirty-two metres and were installed in Zone 1 in November 2016 and were connected into the extraction system in early 2017. Refer to Figure 3B 'Onsite Landfill Gas Monitoring Locations' for an overview of the all landfill gas wells.

The landfill gas flare is currently monitored by the site scientists on a daily basis. Continuous flare stack monitoring has been set up on site with remote access from a portable device possible through the Uniflare data logger. On 22 June 2020 a new Gas Data Analyser and Data logger were installed on the flare, allowing site personnel to download data onsite and view real time gas quality readings from the flare.

#### 4.2.1. Flare Shutdowns

In previous years in documenting incidents in AERs for the site flare shutdowns would have been documented as minor incidents. Following receipt of the licence document P1063-01 and as per condition 3.25.7 *'the flare shall be operated at all times that there is combustible gas available'*. It has been determined that flare shutdowns will only be recorded as incidents when there is a reason other than low quality gas is the reason for the shutdown e.g. mechanical failure. Records of all incidents are kept on file in the site office.

In 2020 there were a total of forty two flare shutdowns of the onsite 250 flare located in Zone 1. The flare shutdowns were attributed to a combination of decreasing methane concentrations, high pressure, low temperature and high winds. The majority of the shutdowns occurred during Q1 of 2020 which is historically the time of year when most shutdowns are encountered due to the changeable weather conditions outlined previously. There was no significant impact on the environment arising from any of the flare shutdown events.

Flare shutdowns are reported immediately to the site manager, site scientist, site security and by automatic email and text alert. The site manager has responsibility for investigating each shutdown and restarting the flare either directly on site during standard operational hours or remotely. When the flare shuts down it is restarted by the site manager within 24 hours when combustible gas is present.

#### 4.2.2. LANDFILL GAS PRODUCTION

In overall terms the amount of landfill gas being produced from both the lined cell and the Zone 1 gas fields has been falling since flaring began in 2011 where concentrations had an average value 30.4 % between June 2011 and December 2011 and 22.9% between January and December 2020.

The below table shows methane concentrations since 2011 and illustrates this overall observed decline. Summary graphs for 2020 for Zones 1 and 3 are provided in **Appendix D**.

**Table 4.2 CH<sub>4</sub> Concentrations 2020 to 2011**

	2020		
	Avg	Max	Min
<b>250 Flare</b>	22.85	34	16.2
<b>Lined Cell</b>	21.73	31.7	14.1

	2019		
	Avg	Max	Min
<b>250 Flare</b>	23.38	31.6	19.4
<b>Lined Cell</b>	22.68	28.3	15.92

	2018			2017		
	Avg	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min
<b>250 Flare</b>	23.9	29.0	18.8	23.5	29.8	18.2
<b>Lined Cell</b>	24.9	30.2	18.8	25.3	35.6	17.5

	2016			2015		
	Avg	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min
<b>250 Flare</b>	23.6	34.4	18.5	21.5	30.2	16.6
<b>Lined Cell</b>	20.4	35	13.1	18.4	30.1	13.5

	2014			2013		
	Avg	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min
<b>250 Flare</b>	21.5	30.6	16.0	21.3	28.6	17.9
<b>Lined Cell</b>	18.7	31.3	15.1	19.0	26.1	14.6

	2012			2011		
	Avg	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min
<b>250 Flare</b>	26.4	37.6	12.0	31.1	43.0	14.0
<b>Lined Cell</b>	26.4	43.3	15.7	31.4	50.0	22.9

#### 4.2.3. ESTIMATED ANNUAL AND CUMULATIVE QUANTITIES OF LANDFILL GAS EMITTED FROM THE SITE

The gas extraction system operated at an inlet flow rate ranging from 63 m<sup>3</sup>/hr and 160 m<sup>3</sup>/hr (average 91.3 m<sup>3</sup>/hr) recorded from daily inlet monitoring during 2020.

**Table 4.3** below displays the average values as well as the range of values recorded at the 250 flare throughout 2020. The average concentration of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) flared at the 250 flare during 2020 was 21.75% and the average concentration of carbon

dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) was 20.24%. Corresponding values from 2019 are also provided for comparison purposes.

**Table 4.3 250 m<sup>3</sup>/hr flare – Average Values 2020**

	Unit	Average	
		2020	2019
CH <sub>4</sub>	% v/v	21.75	23.8
CO <sub>2</sub>	% v/v	20.24	21.5
O <sub>2</sub>	% v/v	0.41	0.4
Flow	m <sup>3</sup> /hr	91.3	76
Flare Exhaust Temperature	°C	982	1010
Gas field Suction Pressure	Mbar	- 1.8	0.07
Outlet Pressure Gas Booster	Mbar	10.42	11.31

The total flare shutdown time was recorded as approximately 902.3 hours. The total amount of methane flared based on runtime, flow rate and methane concentration were 163,535m<sup>3</sup> or 112,661 kg<sup>1</sup>. Summary graphs of landfill gas flared during 2020 are provided in **Appendix D**.

### 4.3. Leachate

Only a small part of the overall site is lined i.e. the lined cell in Zone 3, located directly north of the main site entrance. Leachate is collected in this area for subsequent transportation off site for treatment and disposal.

Approximately two thirds of Zone 3 has been infilled with waste. Buildings onsite that were considered dangerous were demolished in 2016. These buildings contained waste that couldn't be accessed previously as it was unsafe. During demolition works this waste was disposed of in the lined cell.

The waste in Zone 3 has been covered with a temporary heavy-duty membrane to assist with odour management and to prevent air ingress during gas extraction. The membrane also helps to reduce the infiltration of rainwater into the waste body by redirecting surface water run-off from the waste into a series of channels which flow towards a surface water soakaway lagoon located at the lower section of the site. This cover was upgraded following the placement of waste in Zone 3. This has resulted in improved gas yield and reduced rainfall infiltration.

Although the heavy-duty membrane prevents a substantial amount of rainwater from entering the waste a certain amount of rainwater does infiltrate the waste, generating

<sup>1</sup> Source EPA Landfill Gas Survey 2020 Calculation Total CH<sub>4</sub> (kg) based on the calculation of the density of methane at an average temperature of landfill gas of 10 degrees Celsius and the flare inlet pressure provided. The calculation also takes into account the combustion efficiency of open flares (50%) and enclosed flares (99.9%) for methane

additional leachate. Rain falling onto the exposed gravel area is another source of leachate generation. The generation of leachate is therefore strongly influenced by weather conditions with leachate levels noted to rise especially during heavy periods of rainfall over a number of days. The daily leachate levels are measured by the level sensors on the pumping system with reading taken at the control panel.

Leachate that collects in the lined cell drains under gravity towards the western and southwest corner where leachate sumps and associated leachate pumps are located. Leachate is pumped from this location up to two temporary static leachate storage tanks at the top of the bank. The tanks are used to store leachate prior to removal off site by road tanker for treatment/disposal. The two tanks hold approximately 28m<sup>3</sup> in total when filled to the maximum fill mark i.e. the black line on the level gauges. Using the existing pumping system, the tanks are filled to capacity in two hours and thirty minutes. A fully automated pumping system was installed in March 2016 whereby level/pressure sensors were installed and a new pump and control system to help aid the filling process. A second pump was installed in the lined cell to enable leachate extraction from both areas of the cell.

#### **4.3.1. Volume of leachate produced and transported off-site**

In 2020, a total of 13,300m<sup>3</sup> of leachate (475 loads) was transported off site by Elsatrans Ltd (NWCPO-12-11124-01) to Ringsend wastewater treatment works (EPA Licence: D0034-01). A summary of leachate disposal on a monthly basis is provided in **Table 4.4** below. Leachate levels within the lined cell are noted to correlate with the amount of rainfall that occurs and as a result leachate haulage frequency also increases as illustrated in **Table 4.4**. Leachate is transported from site on an 'as required' basis as determined by the Site Manager. Leachate levels in the lagoon are maintained below a maximum limit of one meter and haulage is carried out between Monday and Friday with up to a maximum of four loads per day.

**Table 4.4 Leachate Transported Off Site 2020**

Month	No. of Loads	Total volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Total Monthly Rainfall (mm)
January	33	924	49.3
February	51	1,428	155.4
March	52	1,456	32.5
April	15	420	19.3
May	8	224	10.7
June	37	1,037	87
July	54	1,512	114.4
August	42	1,176	85.1
September	31	868	48.1
October	45	1,316	58.4
November	47	1,316	58.4
December	60	1,680	77.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>13,300</b>	<b>820</b>
Monthly Average	40	1,108	

#### 4.3.2. Minimising generation of leachate for disposal

The upgraded temporary HDPE liner (installed in Q1, 2017) on the lined cell has reduced rainfall infiltration resulting in lower rates of leachate production.

**Table 4.5 Leachate vs. Rainfall Historic Comparison**

Year	Total Leachate Volume	Total Rainfall (mm)
2016	14,168 m <sup>3</sup> (510 loads)	732
2017	11,144 m <sup>3</sup> (398 loads)	730
2018	9,940 m <sup>3</sup> (355 loads)	648
2019	10,724 m <sup>3</sup> (383 loads)	865
2020	13,300 m <sup>3</sup> (475 loads)	820

#### **4.4. Environmental Performance Reporting (EPR)**

KCC has completed the Environmental Performance Report (EPR) in accordance with the Agency's guidelines. The EPR has replaced the PRTR for 2020 and was submitted via EDEN on 31 March 2021. The Landfill Gas Survey was completed for submission to the EPA and is provided in **Appendix B**.

## 5. Waste Management & Resource Consumption

### 5.1. Records

Records for 2020 were maintained by the site management and have been collated and presented below in Tables 5.1 and 5.2 for the purposes of this report.

### 5.2. Waste Analysis

Waste material generated on the site is as shown in Table 5.1.

**Table 5.1 General Waste**

Waste Type	EWC Code	Waste Description	Quantity (tonnes)	Destination
General Waste	20 03 01	Office and Canteen waste collected in 1100 litre bins at site offices	0.47	Greenstar (NWCPO-13-11193-05)
Mixed Dry Recyclables	20 03 01	Recycling from office and canteen waste collected in 1100 litre bin at site office	0.12	Greenstar (NWCPO-13-11193-05)
Rebar Waste	19 12 02	Inert waste consisting of rebar removed from demolished concrete walls was removed from site	35.84	Wilton Waste Recycling Ltd (NWCPO-12-11001-05)
Sewage Waste	20 03 04	Sewage waste removed from offices	4.33	Enniskerry Wastewater Treatment Works (NWCPO-15-11681-01)

The total volume of leachate removed off site during 2020 was 13,300m<sup>3</sup>. For a complete breakdown of leachate haulage records during 2020 see section 4.1.3 above.

### 5.3. Electricity

The use of electricity on site is primarily at the site offices, the operation of the flare, leachate pumps, the two security huts as well as six freestanding exterior flood lamps for use after dark in the vicinity of the site office, flare compounds and security huts.



**Table 5.2 Electricity Usage**

	Kilowatt Hours Usage 2020											
Day	4,560	8,760	4,440	4,080	4,080	3,960	-120	120	1,680	2,760	3,000	3,120
Night	2,880	4,440	2,760	2,640	2,520	2,520	1,080	240	1,320	1,320	1,440	1,560
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,440</b>	<b>13,200</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>6,720</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>4,080</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>4,680</b>

#### 5.4. Diesel

The use of diesel on site is limited to the on-site KCC vehicles which used approximately 137.3 litres of diesel during 2020. Additionally, site security vehicles are in use which are owned and operated by Manguard Security and therefore consumption has not been included as part of this report.

## 6. Restoration Works

### 6.1. Remaining volumes of historically deposited waste

The estimate of waste volume present at the site has been determined, following:

- input of the Phase 2 (October 2012) ground investigation data,
- revision of the estimated base contours accordingly and,
- re-modelling the waste thickness isopachytes.

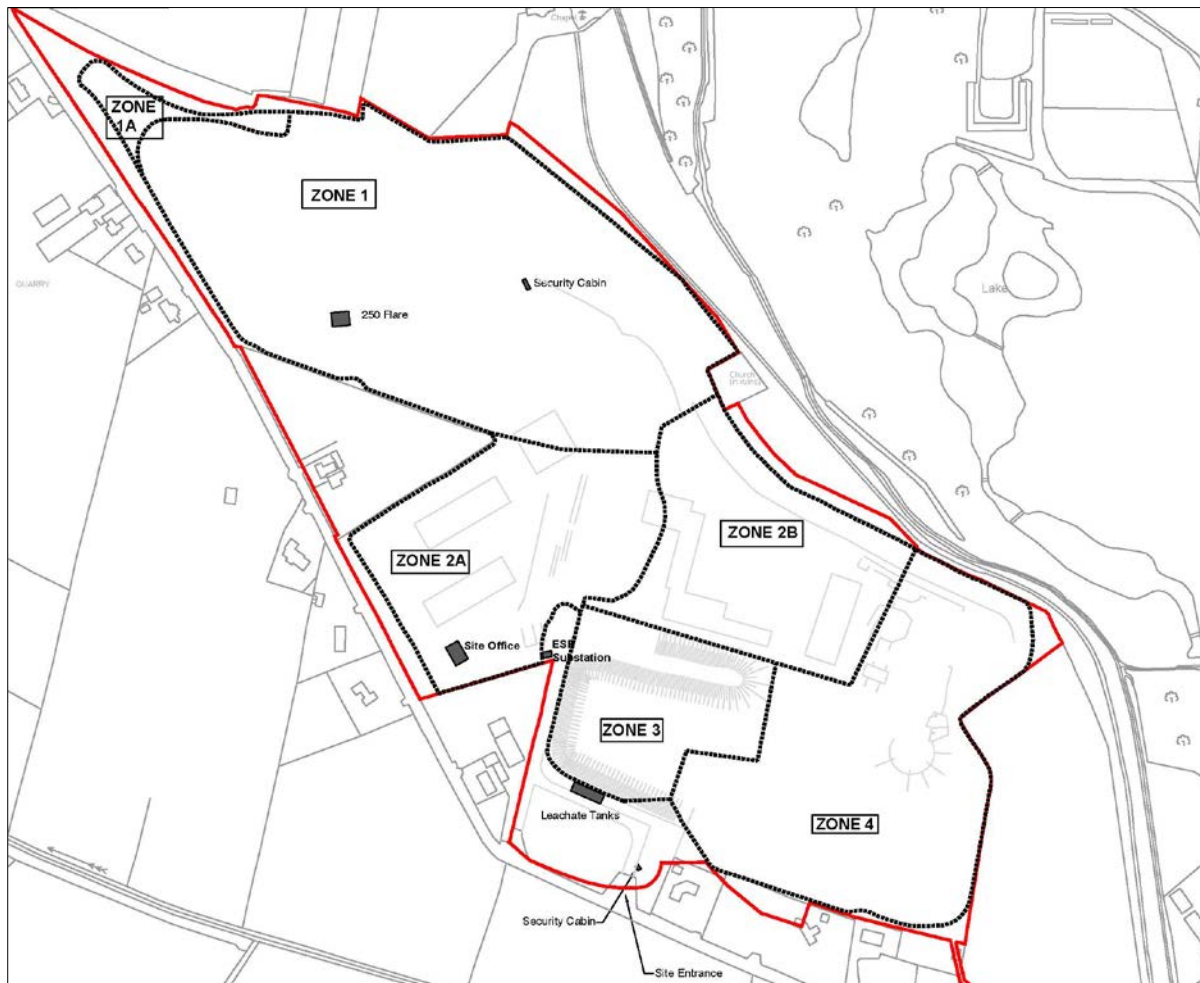
The estimate of waste volume remains at **3.1 million cubic metres** as determined by the Site Profile, Capping and Material Use Appraisal (EPA, 2013).

The individual volume estimates for the four zones of the site shown on the plan below are shown in **Table 6.1**. The 2017 EIAR for the site outlined the intention for waste located in Zone 4 to be moved into Zone 3 (the lined cell) which will subsequently be capped. Some re-grading of the slopes will be undertaken in Zone 1 with additional waste from Zone 2 moved to Zone 1. Zone 1 will then be capped.

**Table 6.1 Zone Descriptions and Current Condition**

Zone	Estimated Area (plan)	Estimated Waste Volume	Basal & Side Lining	Cap Status	Other
1	100,000m <sup>2</sup>	2,023,000m <sup>3</sup> (65.2%)	Unlined	None	-
2	83,000m <sup>2</sup>	660,000m <sup>3</sup> (21.3%)	Unlined	25,000m <sup>2</sup> uncapped	58,000m <sup>2</sup> concrete hardstanding
3	24,000m <sup>2</sup>	193,000m <sup>3</sup> (6.2%)	Lined	Temporary cap	-
4	45,000m <sup>2</sup>	227,000m <sup>3</sup> (7.3%)	Unlined	33,000m <sup>2</sup> uncapped	12,000m <sup>2</sup> concrete hardstanding
Total	252,000m <sup>2</sup>	3,103,000m <sup>3</sup>			

## Plate 6.1 Site Zones



## 6.2. Development / Infrastructural Works Summary

### 6.3. Works Completed in 2020

In 2020, there are several advance works contracts were to facilitate to main remediation works scheduled to commence in Q4 2020. These works included:

- Stormwater drainage in Kerdiffstown House
- Partial Construction of Outfall from site to the Morell River
- Advance works for L2005 – realignment and new site entrance.
  - Provision of new footpath and cycleway adjacent to realigned road extents.
- Installation of new perimeter fencing to site boundary between Kerdiffstown House and Kerdiffstown Landfill.

### 6.4. Works Identified for 2021

In 2020 the main works to remediate the site began on 16 November 2020.

The main works contract will involve the following Works:

- Re-profiling and re-placement of waste.

- Installation of final capping.
- Construction of landfill infrastructure compound.
- Installation of landfill gas management infrastructure.
- Construction of storm water outfall to River Morell.
- Construction of swales.
- Construction of leachate pipeline to Johnstown Pumping Station.
- Associated works including surface water management structures.
- Development of elements of multi-use public park.

All works will be undertaken in compliance with the IEL P1063-01 Licence conditions along and in accordance with the Specified Engineering Works as agreed with the EPA.

## 7. Environmental Monitoring

Since February 2011, a range of environmental monitoring is undertaken to support the KLRP.

In June 2014, an environmental monitoring programme was established covering several environmental disciplines which has continued in order to support the design of the remediation and monitoring the environmental risk profile of the site.

Monitoring undertaken in 2020, exceeding requirements of and in compliance with Schedule C of IEL P1063-01 was as follows:

- Groundwater monitoring (monthly, quarterly and bi-annual),
- Surface water monitoring (monthly, quarterly and bi-annual),
- Leachate (weekly, quarterly, bi-annually and annually),
- Landfill gas monitoring, (on site weekly, offsite monthly),
- Stack emission testing (bi-annually),
- Dust (bi-annually),
- Odour (monthly),
- Geotechnical assessment (bi-annually),
- VOC Survey (bi-annually),
- Metrological data (monthly), and
- Noise (three daytime, one evening and two night-time).

### 7.1. Groundwater

Groundwater sampling is undertaken on a monthly basis involving low specification sampling from fifteen monitoring wells for a suite of parameters. An additional five wells were included for quarterly monitoring with a slightly expanded suite of parameters. A higher specification round of monitoring was undertaken on a biannual basis at 35 monitoring wells for an expanded suite of parameters. During 2020 biannual rounds of monitoring were conducted in June and October. Figure 3A provides the location of each of the groundwater monitoring wells.

#### ***Groundwater Monitoring Network***

Following the operator vacating the site in 2010, the EPA and KCC commissioned a number of site investigations to establish a groundwater monitoring network as summarised in **Table 7.1** with the locations of installed monitoring wells shown in Figure 3A.

**Table 7.1 Groundwater Monitoring Network and Sampling Frequency**

Monitoring Well	Target Stratum	Orientation from the Landfill	Monthly Sampling	Quarterly Sampling	Biannual Sampling
EMW28	Overburden	South (up hydraulic gradient)			
EMW29	Overburden		✓	✓	✓
EMW27D	Overburden		✓	✓	✓
BH2	Overburden				✓
GW1D	Bedrock				✓
EMW11	Overburden	West (cross hydraulic gradient)	✓	✓	✓
EMW12	Bedrock				
EMW24	Bedrock			✓	✓
EMW30	Overburden	East (cross hydraulic gradient)	✓	✓	✓
EMW22	Bedrock	North (cross hydraulic gradient)		✓	✓
EMW23	Overburden			✓	✓
DB02	Overburden		✓	✓	✓
DB03	Overburden		✓	✓	✓
EMW21	Overburden	North East (down hydraulic gradient)		✓	✓
EMW06	Overburden				
BB02	Bedrock		✓	✓	✓
EMW04	Overburden				✓
EMW08	Overburden				✓
EMW19	Bedrock		✓	✓	✓
EMW18	Overburden				✓
EMW02	Overburden				✓
EMW03	Overburden		✓	✓	✓

Monitoring Well	Target Stratum	Orientation from the Landfill	Monthly Sampling	Quarterly Sampling	Biannual Sampling
EMW05	Overburden		✓	✓	✓
EMW07	Overburden				✓
EMW20	Overburden		✓	✓	✓
EMW31	Overburden				✓
EMW32	Overburden				
EMW33	Overburden				✓
EMW13	Overburden	On site (Zone 1)	✓	✓	✓
BH26	Overburden			✓	✓
BH36	Overburden				✓
EMW14	Overburden				✓
BH39	Leachate				
BH40	Overburden	On site (Zone 2)			
EMW15	Overburden		✓	✓	✓
BH68	Bedrock	On site (Zone 3)	✓	✓	✓
BH42 / BH71*	Overburden	On site (Zone 4)			✓
GW1S	Bedrock				✓
GW2D	Overburden				✓
BH6	Overburden				✓
BH7	Overburden				✓
EMW16	Overburden		✓	✓	✓
EMW17	Overburden				
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>36</b>

\*BH42 was replaced with BH71 as BH42 became blocked.

### Groundwater Levels and Flow

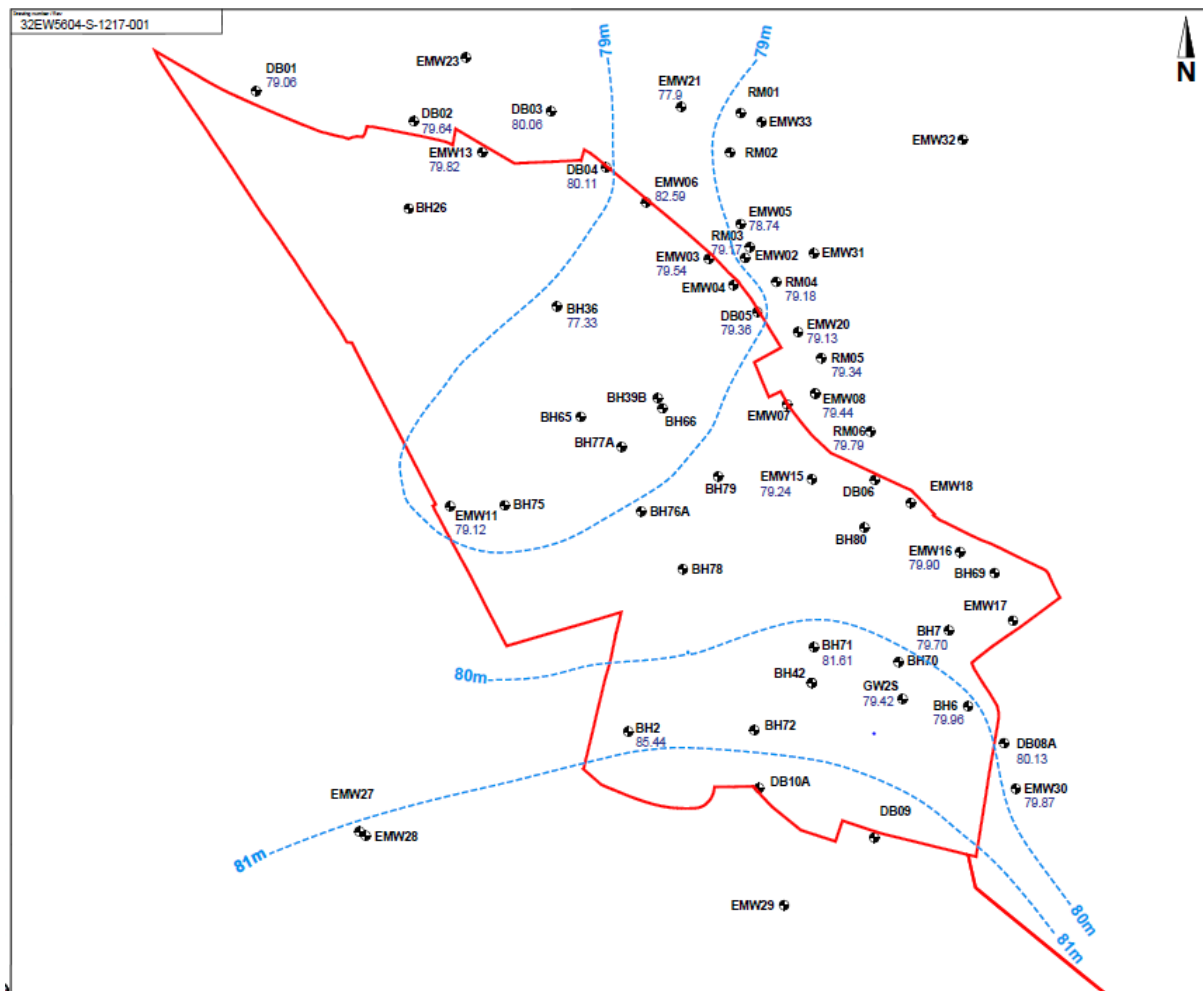
The inferred groundwater flow regime for the overburden groundwater (Plate 7.1) indicates an overall south to north movement of groundwater within the overburden and bedrock aquifer.

The conceptual model for the site shown in Figure 4 includes dilution of leachate from winter rainfall. The model also shows a general increase in groundwater levels within the overburden and bedrock aquifers in response to (likely) increased rates of infiltration. Water levels recorded in both aquifer units during 2020 show an annual trend of decreasing levels through the late spring and early summer months.

Overall flow directions within the overburden are similar to those seen previously with a complex pattern of recharge evident over the footprint of the landfill. The bedrock flow directions have also maintained the previously observed direction of flow in a north or north-easterly direction. See Appendix D for graphs of 2020 water levels in overburden and bedrock which were relatively stable throughout the year.

The only indication of offsite impacts has been to the northeast of the site. Monitoring of the new wells installed in 2016 has also indicated impacts to the north of the site. There are no indications of leachate impact from the site in other directions to the west and south of the site.

**Plate 7.1 Shallow Groundwater Levels and Contours (December 2020)**





### Groundwater Quality Analyses

Groundwater quality data from January to December 2020 has remained largely consistent with results obtained during previous sampling rounds completed between 2011 and 2019. Monitoring during 2020 has shown that there is evidence of leachate impact in the north and north-eastern boundary areas of the site within the overburden aquifer beneath Zone 1 of the landfill. The highest concentrations of key indicators of leachate impact such as ammoniacal nitrogen and chloride are recorded in monitoring wells close to the northern and north-eastern boundary of Zone 1 e.g. DB02 and EMW13, rather than under the central area of this zone e.g. BH26 and BH36.

There are indications of leachate impact (primarily ammoniacal nitrogen, chloride, chemical oxygen demand (COD) and alkalinity) present in some off-site groundwater monitoring wells located between the site and the Morell River, but the concentrations of indicators in these monitoring wells are relatively low. **Table 7.2** illustrates the elevated concentrations detected onsite compared to those in near off-site boreholes along the northern and north-eastern boundary.

**Table 7.2 Summary Groundwater Concentrations**

		Ammoniacal nitrogen average for 2020	Chloride average for 2020
Area	Well Reference	mg/l	
<b>Onsite Zone 1</b>	EMW13	237.8	188.4
	BH26	175.4	354.65
	EMW15	9.07	39.31
<b>Eastern boundary</b>	EMW03	16.55	72.96
	BB02	1.09	121.26
	EMW19	2.53	33.06
<b>Northern boundary</b>	DB02	337.2	275.3
<b>Offsite</b>	EMW05	0.13	16.03
	EMW20	0.89	21.78

In EMW05, it was noted that the concentration of ammoniacal nitrogen ranged from below the LOD (<0.01 mg/l) in March and April to 0.94 mg/l in August. The elevated concentrations during the middle of the year indicate possible seasonal effects influenced by the low rainfall through the latter part of the year. Aside from this seasonal change there is currently little evidence to suggest significant off-site

movement of contaminated groundwater towards the Morell River based on the results obtained during 2020.

The following sections and graphs discuss the results for 2020 for the selected leachate indicator parameters ammoniacal nitrogen and chloride. For detailed analysis and interpretation refer to groundwater and surface water monitoring reports completed since June 2011 (reports available upon request).

### **Ammoniacal Nitrogen**

At sites such as Kerdiffstown where there is a history of disposal of municipal and commercial waste streams, ammoniacal nitrogen can typically be present at relatively high concentrations within leachate<sup>2</sup>. Important groundwater nitrogen species include ammoniacal nitrogen (linked to ammonia and ammonium from landfill leachate), nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>) and nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>). The latter is a transitional species and is usually present at relatively trace concentrations (as has been the case at Kerdiffstown).

The Interim Guideline Value (IGV) for ammoniacal nitrogen in groundwater is 0.12 mg/l whereas the Groundwater Threshold Value (GTV) ranges from 0.05 to 0.14 mg/l. Graph 7.1 presents the gathered data from monitoring between January and December 2020.

Graph 7.1 illustrates that throughout 2020 reported ammoniacal nitrogen concentrations in onsite monitoring wells were normally elevated well above the IGV and GTV. Similarly, many of the boundary wells in the lands of Kerdiffstown House, as detailed below, recorded elevated concentrations, with a general reduction towards the Morell River. These results indicate that the leachate migration offsite is currently localised to parts of the site boundary and is not currently getting to the Morell River.

#### On Site Wells

EMW13 continues to record very elevated levels of ammoniacal nitrogen ranging from 168 mg/l (in January) to 382.71 mg/l (in May). The elevated concentration recorded in May was the highest since monitoring of this well began in June 2011. The previous highest concentration was 274 mg/l in December 2018. Concentrations decreased back to the normal range through the rest of the year.

Ammoniacal nitrogen in BH26 also peaked in September at 193 mg/l.

BH26 in Zone 1 has shown a trend upwards in ammoniacal nitrogen since monitoring of this well began in October 2012 (29.7 mg/l) to a concentration peak in March 2019. BH26 is monitored on a quarterly basis.

Monthly monitoring at EMW15 has revealed variability in ammoniacal nitrogen concentrations since monitoring began in June 2011. Concentrations ranged from 7.18 mg/l in November to 10.68 mg/l in May. At EMW16 ammoniacal nitrogen concentrations remained relatively stable ranging from 2.60 mg/l in May to 9.60 mg/l in January.

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<sup>2</sup> This is evidenced by routine chemical analysis of the leachate which is currently collected and removed from the lined cell in Zone 3 of the site where ammoniacal nitrogen is detected.

## Boundary Wells

Throughout 2020 ammoniacal nitrogen concentrations were generally found to be elevated at monitoring boreholes along the northern and north-eastern boundary area in Zone 1 at DB02, EMW03 and EMW19. Ammoniacal nitrogen (depicted in graph 7.1) coupled with the presence of other determinands such as chloride (discussed below) is indicative of the presence of landfill leachate in groundwater beneath this area. This is consistent with the results obtained during monitoring over previous years.

During 2020 concentrations of ammoniacal nitrogen in offsite boundary well EMW03 were consistently elevated above the IGV and GTV. The concentration fluctuated throughout the year ranging from 11.3 mg/l in January to 21.9 mg/l in November. This range is consistent with 2019 range of results (8.14 mg/l to 20.40 mg/l).

Ammoniacal nitrogen concentration recorded within BB02, which is also located off site and close to the north-eastern site boundary, fluctuated throughout the year. Concentrations ranged from 0.06 mg/l in May to 2.64 mg/l in December. The peak in December was the highest concentration recorded since monitoring began in February 2017. The previous peak was recorded in July 2019 at 1.75 mg/l. Ammoniacal nitrogen in EMW04 ranged from 0.14 mg/l in October to 13.64 mg/l in June (3.5 mg/l to 18.7 mg/l in 2019). Concentrations remained below the peak of 35.9 mg/l recorded in May 2018. Ammoniacal nitrogen in this well tends to fluctuate.

In EMW07 ammoniacal nitrogen concentrations ranged from 3.63 mg/l in June to 8.86 mg/l in October (1.26 mg/l to 0.5 mg/l in 2019). This was within previous ranges for this well.

At the bedrock monitoring well EMW19 concentrations of ammoniacal nitrogen were elevated but remained relatively stable through the year. Ammoniacal nitrogen ranged from 0.7 mg/l (Jan) to 4.43 mg/l (Dec) compared to 0.51 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l in 2019. Since monitoring began in October 2012 seasonal peaks greater than 3.5 mg/l have been observed and 2020 results were consistent with previous years. This pattern can be seen in Graph 7.2.

At DB02, located off-site and close to the northern boundary, sampling commenced in March 2017. The well recorded very high concentrations of ammoniacal nitrogen ranging from 288 mg/l in December to 419 mg/l in August. This is higher than concentrations recorded in on-site wells and indicates leachate contamination at the northern boundary of the site. The August concentration was the highest recorded in this well since monitoring began in February 2017.

## Off Site Wells

During 2020, in keeping with previous years' data concentrations of ammoniacal nitrogen in both EMW05 (2020 average 0.21 mg/l) and EMW20 (2020 average 0.93 mg/l) close to the Morell River were noted to be relatively low compared to concentrations observed in the boundary well EMW03 (2020 average 16.54 mg/l) which is up gradient in terms of hydraulic flow.

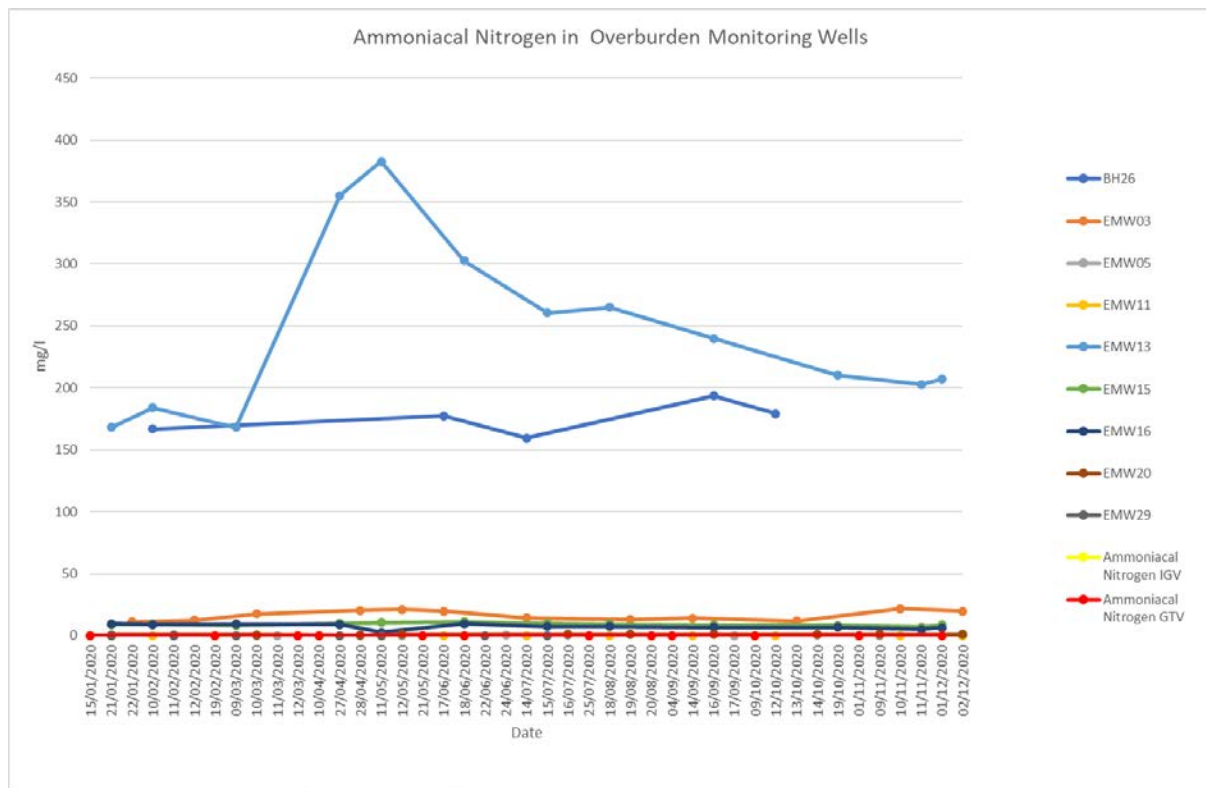
At EMW05, situated within 5m of the Morell River, two of the twelve monthly samples were below the LOD of 0.01 mg/l (March & April). The remaining 10 samples were above the LOD with four samples exceeding the IGV of 0.12 mg/l. Concentrations ranged from 0.02 mg/l in February to 0.94 mg/l in August. The elevated concentration during the middle of the year indicates that there may be some

seasonal variation in this well. EMW05 was added to the monthly groundwater monitoring in 2015 to gather more frequent data regarding the groundwater chemistry closer to the Morell River. Monthly monitoring will continue in 2021.

At EMW20 ammoniacal nitrogen concentrations were consistent with 2018 concentrations. Concentrations remained relatively stable throughout the year ranging from 0.58 mg/l in April to 1.19 mg/l in September.

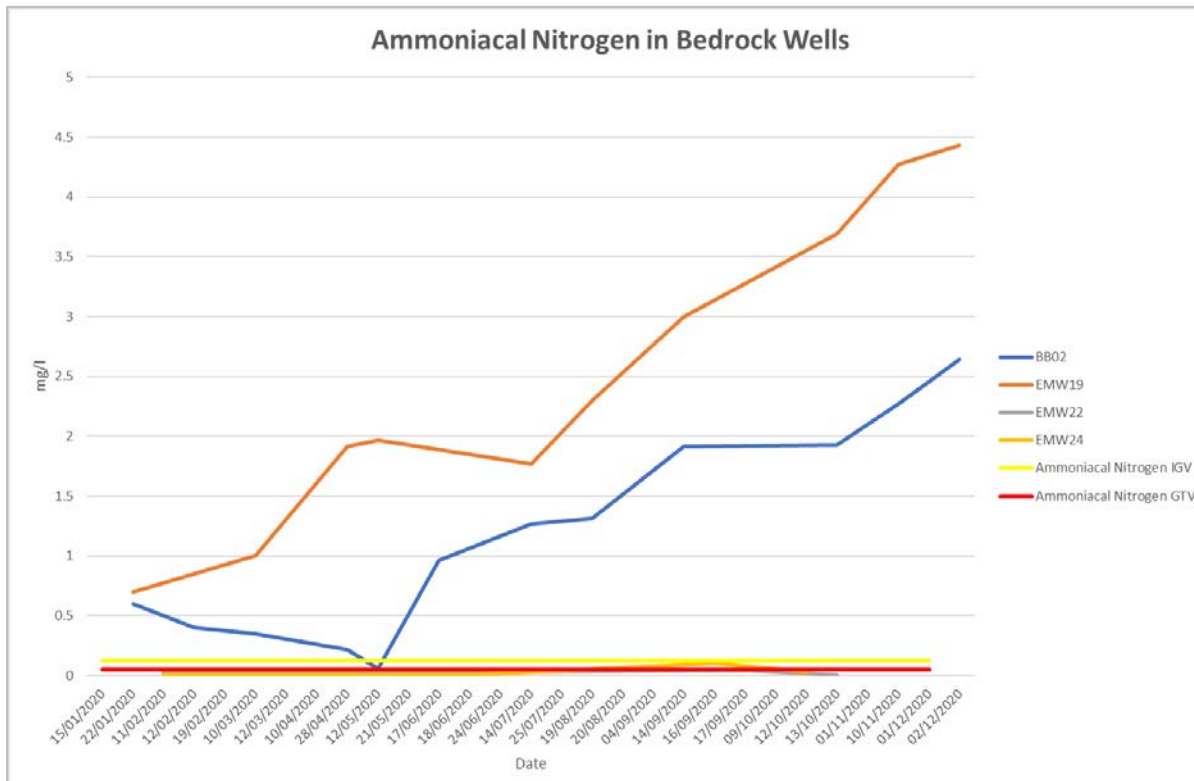
The rest of the offsite wells in Kerdiffstown house (EMW21, EMW22 and EMW23) recorded concentrations ranging from <0.01 mg/l in all three wells to 0.04 mg/l in EMW22. These wells were sampled quarterly in 2020 and all are typically below or close to the LOD for ammoniacal nitrogen. This continues the trend seen over the past number of years, indicating that the leachate migration offsite to the north of the site is localised close to the site boundary.

**Graph 7.1 Ammoniacal Nitrogen in Selected Overburden Monitoring Wells 2020**



Note: Axes values are different between Graph 7.1 and 7.2

**Graph 7.2 Ammoniacal Nitrogen in Bedrock Monitoring Wells 2020**



Note: Axes values are different between Graph 7.1. and 7.2

**Chloride**

Chloride is used as a common key indicator for the presence of landfill leachate in groundwater. The IGV for chloride is 30 mg/l whereas the GTV is between 24 mg/l and 187.5 mg/l.

Graph 7.3 shows the variation in chloride concentrations for each of the overburden wells sampled on a monthly basis during 2020. A very similar pattern of variation is shown for electrical conductivity (EC) and ammoniacal nitrogen for the corresponding monitoring wells with decreased concentrations generally observed in those samples collected during the winter months, likely as a result of increased rainfall infiltration rates through the waste body in Zone 1 causing dilution of leachate. As with EC and ammoniacal nitrogen this is most pronounced within EMW03.

Chloride concentrations recorded within bedrock monitoring wells during 2020 are shown in Graph 7.4.

On Site Wells

As would be expected, the highest chloride concentrations were recorded in the on-site wells. In 2020 the highest concentration of chloride was detected at on-site monitoring well BH26 located beneath Zone 1 in the northwest of the site. Monthly monitoring at this borehole started in September 2014 to gather more data regarding the groundwater chemistry beneath Zone 1. This well is now monitored quarterly. The average concentration in 2020 was calculated at 358 mg/l (maximum 335 mg/l in February, minimum 383 mg/l in July).

### Boundary Wells

Chloride concentrations in EMW03, located at the north-eastern boundary of the site, have consistently shown to be elevated relative to other nearby monitoring wells such as EMW06 and EMW04. The average concentration of chloride detected in EMW03 during 2020 was 74 mg/l with the lowest concentration of 12.5 mg/l detected in February 2020, and the peak concentration of 103 mg/l detected during December 2020.

BB02 has also recorded consistently elevated chloride concentrations similar to or higher than EMW03. The average concentration of chloride detected in BB02 during 2020 was 122 mg/l with the lowest concentration of 76.85 mg/l detected in May 2020, and the peak concentration of 177 mg/l detected in November 2020.

EMW04 has also shown some seasonal variability in chloride concentration, however it is only sampled on a biannual basis so there is insufficient data to confirm this. Concentrations remained elevated in 2020 with chloride recorded at 90 mg/l in June and 134 mg/l in December.

EMW07 has shown variability in chloride since monitoring was undertaken in June 2011. The elevated concentrations recorded in 2016 (50.6mg/l in June and 31.1 mg/l in December) had decreased in 2017 (18.9 mg/l in May and 21.3 mg/l in Nov) and 2018 (22.1 mg/l in May). This continued in 2019 with chloride concentrations of 14.9 mg/l in June and 17 mg/l in December. In 2020 concentrations increased again to 49.4 mg/l in June and 42 mg/l in October.

At EMW19 (bedrock well), chloride increased above the IGV of 30 mg/l for most of the year. The average chloride concentration for 2020 was 33 mg/l. This was an increase from the average in 2019 at 18.4 mg/l, 2018 average of 26.7 mg/l and the 2017 average of 21.1 mg/l. As with some of the overburden boreholes, EMW19 appears to show seasonal fluctuation with lower chloride concentrations during the winter months when there is increased infiltration of rainfall. At the northern boundary, DB02 has recorded very elevated chloride concentrations since monitoring began in March 2017. The average chloride concentration for 2020 was 279 mg/l with the lowest concentration of 247 mg/l recorded in April and the peak concentration of 317 mg/l recorded in July. This is higher than the nearby onsite well EMW13 which recorded an average chloride concentration of 192 mg/l for 2020.

### Off-Site Wells

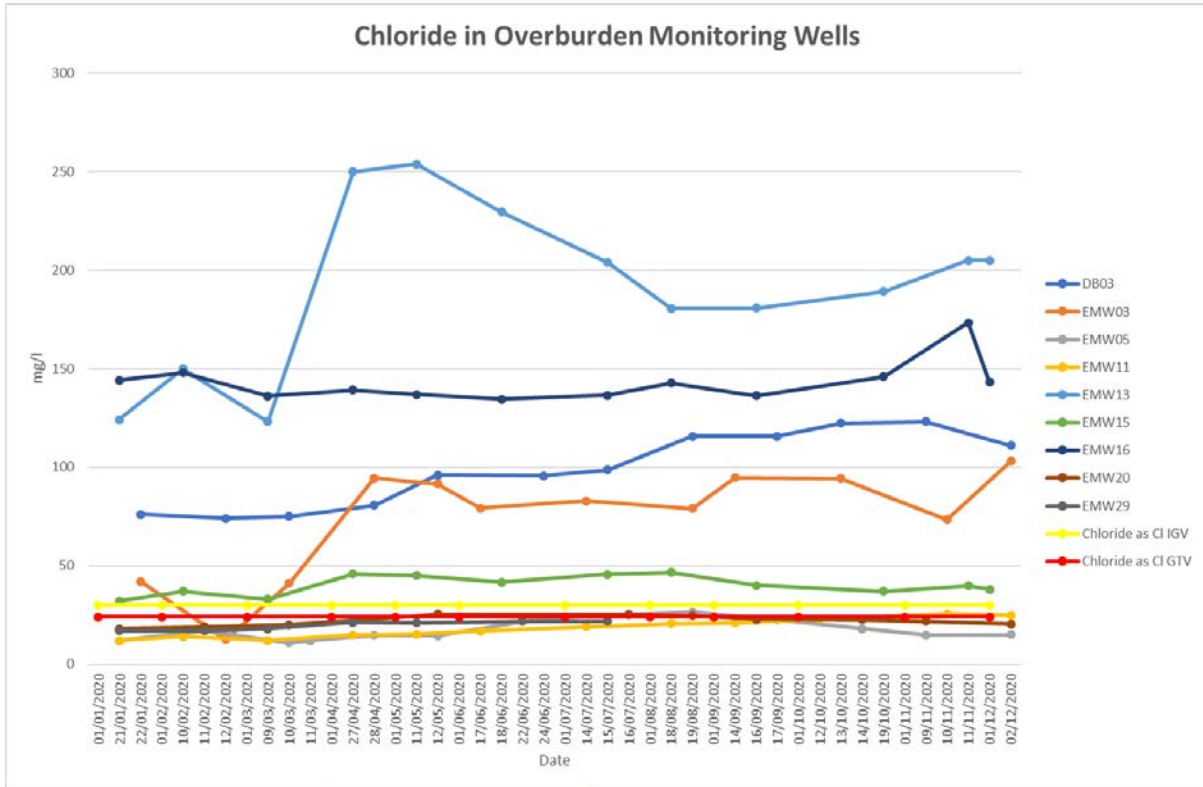
Chloride concentrations were noted to be relatively low in off-site monitoring wells to the north-east during 2019 (e.g. average value of 19.7 mg/l in EMW20 and 20.3 mg/l in EMW05).

EMW05, adjacent to the Morell River, (which may show some limited impact from leachate with elevated ammoniacal nitrogen concentrations and the presence of mecoprop does not show a clear impact from chloride with concentrations below the IGV throughout the year ranging from 11 mg/l in March to 26.4 mg/l in August (the maximum chloride concentration ever recorded in EMW05 was 61.3 mg/l in September 2011).

DB03, to the north off the site, recorded elevated chloride concentrations since monitoring began in February 2017. The average chloride concentration in 2020 was recorded at 98.6 mg/l with the lowest concentration of 74 mg/l recorded in February and the peak concentration of 123 mg/l recorded in November. Much lower chloride

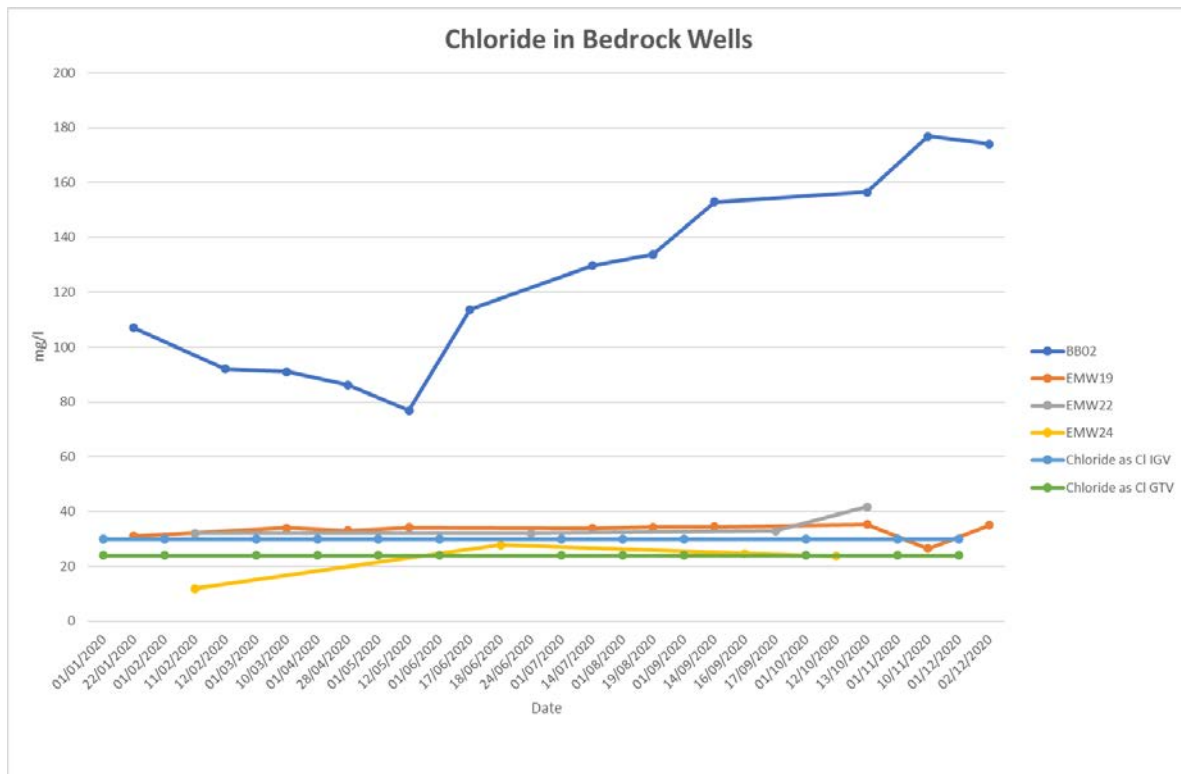
concentrations were noted in EMW22 and EMW23 which are to the north off DB03. Both of these wells are monitored quarterly. In EMW22 chloride ranged from 32 mg/l to 41.6 mg/l. In EMW23 chloride ranged from 12 mg/l to 21.3 mg/l. This would indicate that chloride impacts are localised close to the northern boundary. Further monitoring is required to confirm this.

**Graph 7.3 Chloride in Selected Overburden Monitoring Wells 2020**



Note: Axes values are different between Graph 7.3 and 7.4

**Graph 7.4 Chloride in Bedrock Monitoring Wells 2020**



Note: Axes values are different between Graph 7.3 and 7.4

### Metals

During the quarterly and biannual rounds of monitoring in 2020 additional analysis is undertaken. In certain types of wastes when the pH is low the solubility of many metal ions increases and therefore, they can become mobilised into the developing leachate. As such elevated concentrations of trace metals can be indicative of leachate contamination within groundwater.

In terms of dissolved metals, the groundwater results were broadly similar to those recorded in previous monitoring rounds carried out since 2011, both in terms of the number of exceedances against IGVs and GTVs and the location of the exceedances. In 2020 there were exceedances recorded at both on and off-site wells. The majority of exceedances were in wells on-site or on the site’s eastern boundary. There were also exceedances recorded off-site to the southwest. For the most part there were no exceedances between the site boundary and the Morell River. **Table 7.3** summarises the number of exceedances recorded during the 2020.



**Table 7.3 Dissolved Metals Exceedances of the IGVs/GTVs during 2020**

Parameter	Lower of IGV/GTV (mg/l)	Number of exceedances	Maximum result (mg/l)	Location of maximum result
<b>Q1 2020</b>				
Boron	0.75	4	3.66	BH26 (onsite)
Cadmium	0.00375	0	0.074	EMW23 (offsite)
Chromium	0.03	1	0.072	EMW05 (offsite)
Copper	0.03	1	0.072	EMW05 (offsite)
Lead	0.01	0	0.008	EMW22 (offsite)
Mercury	0.0001	0	<0.0003	All wells
Nickel	0.015	4	0.067	BH26 (onsite)
Zinc	0.1	1	36.59	EMW05 (offsite)
<b>Q2 2020</b>				
Barium	0.1	17	0.884	BH26 (onsite)
Boron	0.75	4	1.818	EMW13 (onsite)
Cadmium	0.00375	1	10.7	BH2 (onsite)
Chromium	0.03	1	0.105	BH2 (onsite)
Copper	0.03	1	83.2	BH2 (onsite)
Lead	0.01	11	0.0989	BH2 (onsite)
Mercury	0.0001	1	0.00016	EMW24 (offsite)
Nickel	0.015	16	0.14	BH2 (onsite)
Zinc	0.1	10	0.609	BH2 (onsite)
<b>Q3 2020</b>				
Boron	0.75	3	1.84	DB02 (N boundary)
Cadmium	0.00375	0	0.0028	EMW23 (offsite)
Chromium	0.03	0	0.0054	EMW13 (onsite)
Copper	0.03	0	0.0136	EMW23 (offsite)
Lead	0.01	3	0.0178	EMW24 (offsite)
Mercury	0.0001	1	0.0006	BB02 (boundary)
Nickel	0.015	8	0.0816	BH26 (onsite)
Zinc	0.1	0	0.0618	EMW22 (offsite)
<b>Q4 2020</b>				
Barium	0.1	12	1.10	DB02 (N boundary)
Boron	0.75	2	1.48	BH26 (onsite)
Cadmium	0.00375	0	0.0014	DB03 (offsite)
Chromium	0.03	0	0.0078	DB02 (N boundary)
Copper	0.03	0	<0.20	All wells
Lead	0.01	3	0.0189	BH6 (onsite)
Mercury	0.0001	0	<0.00001	All wells
Nickel	0.015	11	0.0766	BH26 (onsite)
Zinc	0.1	4	0.220	BH36 (onsite)

## Organic Compounds

Groundwater samples from all the monitoring wells during June and October 2020 were analysed for a suite of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), phenols, formaldehyde, acid herbicides, organo-chlorine pesticides and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH).

## Herbicides & Pesticides

The groundwater samples were analysed for a standard suite of acid herbicides and organo-chlorine pesticides.

Mecoprop is an active ingredient in many broadleaf weed killers and has been detected in previous years in selected boreholes. Mecoprop is now monitored on a monthly basis in line with licence requirements. Ten of the fifteen wells monitored monthly have recorded mecoprop above the LOD. Of these two monthly wells have recorded mecoprop above the IGV of 10 µg/l namely EMW13 (10.3 µg/l in Dec to 25.4 µg/l in Oct) and DB02 (18.5 in July to 26.7 in September) During the biannual rounds in June and October additional wells exceeded the IGV for mecoprop namely EMW14 (14.4 µg/l and 10.2 µg/l) and BH26 (25.8 µg/l and 21.2 µg/l).

Three additional compounds were detected during the June biannual monitoring. 2,4-D, dicamba and MCPA were detected in onsite BH7. 2,4-D and MCPA were detected in BH7 during the October biannual round also. Three further compounds were detected during the December monitoring round namely Clopyralid (BH71), Dichloroprop (EMW13 & BH26) and MCPB (EMW03, EMW13, EMW14, EMW16 & BH26).

In EMW05, adjacent to the Morell River, mecoprop was detected above the LOD on six occasions with concentrations ranging from 0.05µg/l to 0.27µg/l in August. The GTV of 0.075µg/l was exceeded on four occasions. Mecoprop has been detected at this monitoring point on multiple occasions since February 2013. The concentrations recorded have fluctuated between 0.05µg/l and 1.24µg/l in that time, the IGV has never been breached. At EMW20, also adjacent to the Morell River, mecoprop was not detected above the LOD of 0.04 during the year.

**Table 7.4 Mecoprop Detections above IGV (10 µg/l) in 2020**

Sample ID	Date	Result
<b>BH26</b>	<b>10/02/2020</b>	22.4
	<b>17/06/2020</b>	25.98
	<b>12/10/2020</b>	17.7
<b>DB02</b>	<b>22/01/2020</b>	21.2
	<b>28/04/2020</b>	20.857
	<b>12/05/2020</b>	18.22
	<b>13/10/2020</b>	32.8
<b>EMW13</b>	<b>10/02/2020</b>	12.3
	<b>27/04/2020</b>	24.467
	<b>11/05/2020</b>	23.546
	<b>18/08/2020</b>	15.23

### **Semi Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs)**

Excluding phenols (see below for consideration of phenolic compounds), SVOCs were absent in groundwater samples in 2020. Trace concentrations of target list compounds have been detected in past monitoring rounds in on-site boreholes; however, in all cases they have been reported close to the limit of detection and to date no compounds have been reported consistently in any of the boreholes monitored.

### **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)**

As with SVOCs, VOCs were generally absent in groundwater samples in 2020. Two compounds were detected above the LOD. 1,2-Dichloropropane was detected in EMW21 at 0.1 µg/l. Cis 1,2 – Dichloroethane was detected in BH36B at 13 µg/l. All other compounds were below the LODs.

### **Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)**

In common with previous monitoring results, PAHs were detected at low-to-trace concentrations in a small number of boreholes including on-site boreholes EMW11, EMW13, BH6, BH7, BH26, BH68, BH71, GW1D and GW2S; boundary well DB02 and off-site wells EMW30, EMW31 and EMW33. The highest total PAH concentration reported in on-site groundwater was 0.36 µg/l in BH6 in Zone 4 (near the south-eastern boundary of the site during October 2020).

In overall terms, concentrations of PAHs detected in groundwater in on and off-site boreholes were similar to those measured in previous years. Based on the pattern of results obtained there is no evidence of significant PAH concentrations in groundwater or off-site migration of PAHs from an on-site source.

### **Phenolic compounds**

Phenolic compounds (principally comprising phenol) were reported above the LOD of 0.05 µg/l in many of the on-site boreholes. The highest concentrations were in Zone 1 (EMW13 & BH26) with lower concentrations detected in boreholes in the southern part of the site. DB02 on the northern boundary of the site also recorded phenol above the LOD during 2020. Most wells were below the LOD for the year.

Phenol analysis is now undertaken monthly in line with licence requirements. Further details are presented in quarterly reports available upon request.

### **Formaldehyde**

Formaldehyde has previously been identified in eleven boreholes located primarily along the north-eastern site boundary (both on-site and near off-site). In June 2020 there were no detections of formaldehyde above the LOD of 0.1 mg/l. In October 2020 a lower LOD of 0.07 mg/l was used. There were 12 detections of formaldehyde above the LOD in October in onsite and boundary wells. Onsite wells recording formaldehyde were EMW11 (0.1 mg/l), EMW13 (1.8 mg/l), EMW15 (0.2 mg/l), EMW16 (0.2 mg/l), BH6 (0.2 mg/l), BH26 (2 mg/l), BH36 (0.8 mg/l) and BH71 (0.2 mg/l). Boundary wells were EMW03 (0.3 mg/l), EMW07 (0.08 mg/l), BB02 (0.4 mg/l) and DB02 (2.4 mg/l).

### 7.1.1. Compliance with Groundwater Regulations<sup>3</sup>

The European Communities Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 9 of 2010) places a duty on public authorities to take all reasonable steps to prevent the input of hazardous substances and limit the input of non-hazardous substances to groundwater and reverse any significant and sustained upward trend in the concentration of any pollutant resulting from the impact of human activity in order to progressively reduce pollution of groundwater.

The 'prevent' objective relates to hazardous substances, whereby all necessary and reasonable measures should be taken to avoid the entry of such substances into groundwater and to avoid any significant increase in concentration in groundwater, even at a local scale. The 'limit' objective relates to non-hazardous substances, whereby all necessary measures should be taken to limit inputs into groundwater to ensure that such inputs do not cause deterioration in status of groundwater bodies, or a significant and sustained upward trends in groundwater concentrations.

Under the regulations, the EPA may issue exemptions to the 'prevent and limit' requirements of the regulations if, for example:

- Inputs are considered to be of a quantity and concentration so small as to obviate any present or future danger of deterioration in the quality of the receiving groundwater;
- Inputs are considered incapable, for technical reasons, of being prevented or limited without using:
- measures that would increase risks to human health or to the quality of the environment as a whole, or
- disproportionately costly measures to remove quantities of pollutants from or otherwise control their percolation in, contaminated ground or subsoil.

An example of where such an exemption could apply is given in Guidance on the Authorisation of Discharges to Groundwater (EPA December 2011) as an old, unlined landfill where full remediation may do more environmental harm than good.

#### Determination of Compliance

Groundwater data shows elevated concentrations compared to upstream groundwater quality and environmental quality standards for certain compounds. For the areas of the site where no basal liner is present, i.e. all zones excluding Zone 3, the requirements of the EC Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations 2010, S.I. No. 9 of 2010 cannot be achieved. The remediation works will offer mitigation to this continued release of contamination to groundwater but hazardous substances are likely to continue to discharge to groundwater following the works.

In considering the remedial options available for the site, it was determined that the alternatives which could lead to the prevention of the discharge of hazardous substances such as excavation and removal of wastes would either present significant risks to human health and the environment as a whole or were too costly.

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<sup>3</sup> Extracts from Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) Volume 2 of 4: Main Report

Part II of S.I. No. 9 of 2010 details the requirements of a Public Authority to ensure compliance. These include prevention, protection, and reverse of any damage to groundwater. It is deemed that the remediation work reaches these requirements and the monitoring of the Aftercare Phase will ensure continued compliance.

### **Conclusion**

Previous studies for the proposed remediation works concluded that the best solution, with the lowest environmental impact involves capping the current areas of waste, following only minimal excavating and movement of these wastes. Capping is a technology that forms a barrier between the waste and the surface, thereby protecting people and the environment from potential harmful effects and limiting the migration of pollutants including landfill gas and leachate. The movement of some wastes and material within the site is required in order to achieve stable engineered slopes and to allow for the management of surface water drainage.

Baseline data for groundwater collected over a number of years has identified that due to the historical use of the site as a landfill site, landfill leachate has locally contaminated the groundwater system. There is no evidence that this contamination is impacting adversely on local surface watercourses or groundwater abstractions.

This baseline data gathered for these determinands will be used to assess if there is any improvement or deterioration in groundwater quality in the remediation or aftercare phases as a result of the works.

Leachate from the landfill has relevant hazardous substances associated with it including ammoniacal nitrogen, metals/metalloids (including nickel, zinc and arsenic) and certain organic substances including phenol and mecoprop. These substances are likely to continue to be released to groundwater from the waste during the remediation works and in the aftercare period.

Given the potential impacts of the contaminants associated with leachate on water quality and ecology within the Morell River, principally through potential migration in a shallow groundwater pathway, leachate must be managed to prevent it entering water or to ensure the risk of impact is at an acceptable level. This will be achieved by installing a capping system over the predominant areas of waste in the site to reduce infiltration and managing leachate head in Zone 3 (lined cell) to an appropriate level. The assessment of viable remediation options has established that the complete prevention of leachate ingress into the groundwater system is not technically feasible and/or would be disproportionately costly, where the Groundwater Directive permits exemptions in this scenario.

The installation of engineered capping and soil cover systems across the site will reduce infiltration of water and hence the potential for leachate generation and migration to groundwater, giving a reduction to the environmental risk profile of the site to a likely acceptable level.

## 7.2. Surface Water

The existing Monitoring and Control Plan for the site was revised in April 2019 following the grant of IEL P1063-01 and an amended surface water monitoring programme was implemented from July 2019. As part of this revision, frequency of monitoring has changed for some monitoring locations as well as the suite of parameters to be analysed.

Monitoring of surface water samples from the Morell River (east of site) was undertaken at key strategic locations (shown in **Table 7.5**) during the monthly monitoring rounds to assess whether the landfill is having an adverse impact upon water quality.

From October 2019 the surface water lagoon has replaced the former site discharge in the monitoring programme. The surface water lagoon was tested every month from January to December in 2020.

The quarterly sampling rounds include the monthly locations and monitoring of SW08 which is located on the Hartwell River, a tributary of the Morell River, and is accessed on the Palmerstown Golf Club (PGC) estate to the east, beyond the Morell River. This sample point was tested in February, June, September and December.

In the biannual sampling rounds in June and September 2020, samples were obtained from all monthly monitoring locations, SW04 on the Morell River, and SW08 and SW16 which are located on the Hartwell River on Palmerstown Golf Club (PGC) estate.

Refer to Figure 3B 'Surface Water Monitoring Locations' for an overview of the all surface water monitoring locations.

**Table 7.5 Surface Water Sampling Locations and Sampling Frequency**

Water Body	Sampling Location	Orientation from site	Monthly Sampling	Quarterly Sampling	Biannual Sampling
Morell River	SW01	Upstream SE	✓	✓	✓
	SW02	Upstream E	✓	✓	✓
	SW03	Adjacent E	✓	✓	✓
	SW04	Adjacent E	✓		✓
	SW05	Downstream NE	✓	✓	✓
Onsite Waterbody	SW Lagoon	Onsite	✓		✓
Watercourse on PGC (Hartwell River)	SW08	Upstream SE		✓	✓
	SW16	Upstream SE			✓

## **Surface Water Quality Analyses**

Surface water sampling in 2020 consisted of collecting grab samples from the Morell River, the onsite surface water lagoon, and the Hartwell River in the Palmerstown Golf Club estate to the east of the Morell River. During the monthly rounds, up to 5 no. surface water samples were obtained (refer to **Table 7.5**) and analysed for a suite of inorganic analytes including major ions.

In the quarterly sampling rounds in February and December 2020 a total of 6 locations upstream and downstream of the landfill were sampled (Figure 3) in order to assess any changes in water quality linked to the site.

In the biannual sampling rounds in June and September 2020 8 no. locations upstream and downstream of the landfill were sampled (Figure 3). The samples were analysed for an expanded suite of inorganic parameters including major ions and metals/metalloids as well as a broad suite of organic compounds including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), speciated phenols, herbicides and pesticides.. The main results for 2020 are summarised below.

### **Ammoniacal Nitrogen**

**Table 7.6** gives a summary of surface water ammoniacal nitrogen results during 2020. For illustrative purposes the ‘good status’ surface water quality standard for ammonia (as N) as stipulated in European Union Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009, as amended, is  $\leq 0.065$  mg/l (mean).

#### **Morell River**

On review of the results reported, all samples taken in the Morell River during 2020 comply with the  $\leq 0.065$  mg/l mean for “good status” surface waters.

#### **Palmerstown House Estate (Hartwell River)**

Biannual monitoring was completed for the surface waters taken from the Hartwell River in Palmerstown Golf Club in June and September 2020, and quarterly rounds of monitoring were completed in February and December 2020. In June 2020, the Ammonia concentrations recorded for SW08 (0.14 mg/l) and SW16 (0.15 mg/l) exceeded the  $\leq 0.065$  mg/l mean for “good status” surface waters. The quality standard was also exceeded for SW08 in December 2020 (0.08 mg/l).

**Table 7.6 Ammoniacal Nitrogen in Surface Water Samples 2020**

Water Body	Sampling Location	2020 Range Ammoniacal Nitrogen (mg/l)	Orientation from site
Morell River	SW01	<0.01 – 0.05	Upstream SE
	SW02	<0.01 – 0.05	Upstream E
	SW03	<0.01 – 0.05	Adjacent E
	SW04	0.02 – 0.03	Adjacent E
	SW05	<0.01 – 0.04	Downstream NE
Onsite Waterbody	SW Lagoon	0.02 – 0.72	Onsite
Watercourse on PGC (Hartwell River)	SW08	0.01 – 0.14	Upstream SE
	SW16	<0.01 – 0.15	Upstream SE

### **Total Organic Carbon (TOC), Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) & Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)**

The BOD value in rivers often increases during periods of heavy rain and high flows as organic matter is washed in from the land and farmyards. The determination of total organic carbon (TOC) is complementary to the oxygen demand analyses (biochemical and chemical) and in strict terms, it is a better indicator of organic content in that it is a direct measurement of carbon.

Results of TOC, COD and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) are summarised below. For illustrative purposes the “good status” surface water quality standard for BOD as stipulated in European Union Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009, as amended, is  $\leq 1.5$  mg/l (mean).

In the absence of COD limits under the above legislation, the limits for waters used for drinking water abstraction for COD is 40 mg/l (Ref: European Communities (Quality of Surface Water Intended for the Abstraction of Drinking Water) Regulations, 1989.)

#### ***Morrell River***

The concentrations of TOC in the Morell River during 2020 ranged from 1.5 mg/l up to 5.3 mg/l (refer to **Table 7.7**). There was no significant difference observed in the TOC concentrations between upstream and downstream sampling points.

BOD results for surface water samples obtained from the Morell River in 2020 were close to or below the limit of detection in all instances, ranging from <1 mg/l to 2.4 mg/l.



The trend for COD follows a similar pattern and with the exception of results recorded in December 2020, all results were below the 40 mg/l limit for A3 waters in 2020. It should be noted that BOD levels at the same locations in December 2020 were below the LOD (2mg/l).

#### ***Palmerstown House Estate (Hartwell River)***

TOC concentrations were relatively stable on the Hartwell River (1.9 mg/l to 5.4 mg/l) during 2020 (refer to **Table 7.7**), which is similar to that of the Morell River.

BOD results for surface water samples obtained in 2020 were close to or below the limit of detection, ranging from <1 mg/l to 3 mg/l. COD concentrations for SW08 ranged from <5 mg/l to 51 mg/l (also recorded in December 2020) and at SW16 the concentration was below the LOD (8 mg/l).

**Table 7.7 Total Organic Carbon in Surface Water Samples 2020**

Water Body	Sampling Location	2020 Range TOC (mg/l)	Orientation from site
Morell River	SW01	1.4 – 3.4	Upstream SE
	SW02	1.4 - 4.8	Upstream E
	SW03	1.4 – 5.3	Adjacent E
	SW04	2.0 – 4.9	Adjacent E
	SW05	1.4 - 4.6	Downstream NE
Onsite Waterbody	SW Lagoon	2.9 – 17.5	Onsite
Watercourse on PGC (Hartwell River)	SW08	1.9 - 5.4	Upstream SE
	SW16	2.1 – 5.3	Upstream SE

**Table 7.8 COD and BOD in Surface Water Samples 2020**

Water Body	Sampling Location	2020 Range BOD (mg/l)	Mean (mg/l)	2020 Range COD (mg/l)	Orientation from site
Morell River	SW01	<1 – 2.4	1.86	<5 – 54	Upstream SE
	SW02	<1 - <2	1.75	<5 – 49	Upstream E
	SW03	<1 - <2	1.75	<5 – 50	Adjacent E
	SW04	<2	<2	<8	Adjacent E
	SW05	<1 - <2	1.75	<5 – 50	Downstream NE
Onsite Waterbody	SW Lagoon	<1 - 5	1.81	5 – 60	Onsite
Watercourse on PGC (Hartwell River)	SW08	<1 - <2	1.75	<5 – 51	Upstream SE
	SW16	<2 - 3	2.5	<8	Upstream SE

### Chloride

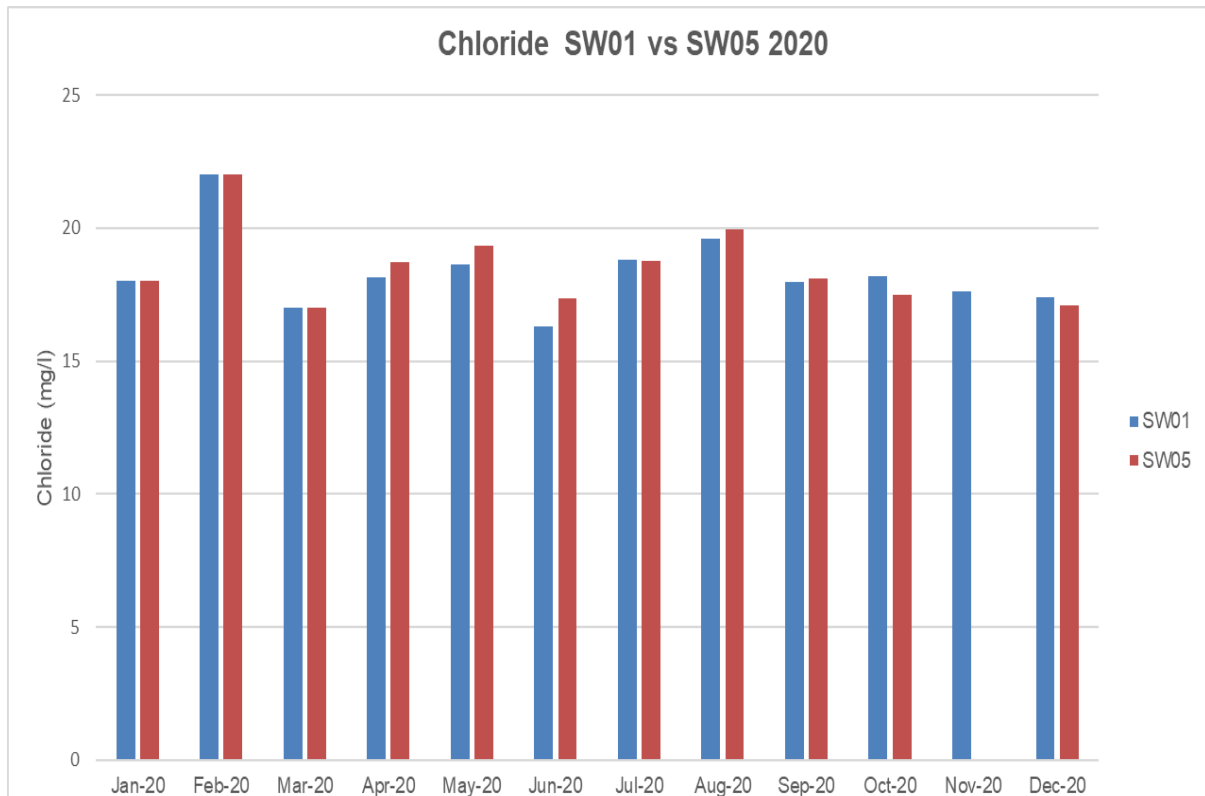
For illustrative purposes the parametric value for chloride in drinking water and water to be abstracted for drinking is 250 mg/l.

#### *Morrell River*

Chloride was observed at low concentrations in the Morell River samples in 2020, with concentrations ranging between <10.0 mg/l at SW05 in November and 22 mg/l recorded at SW01 and SW05 in February. **Graph 7.5** and **Table 7.9** shows there is little variation in chloride concentrations in the river. In 2019 levels were found to fluctuate from month to month with SW05 being higher in concentration in seven out of twelve monitoring events, however in 2020, levels at SW05 are recorded as being marginally higher in five out of 12 monitoring events.

Given the small magnitude of the changes in concentration, it is uncertain if this could be attributable to landfill leachate discharging to the river or other sources or laboratory uncertainty. In all surface water samples taken from the Morell River the concentrations of chloride detected were below the Drinking Water and Surface Water Regulations limit of 250 mg/l.

**Graph 7.5 Chloride in Morell River – Upstream (SW01) vs downstream (SW05) 2020**



**Palmerstown House Estate (Hartwell River)**

Concentrations of chloride in samples obtained from the Hartwell River on the PGC Estate in 2020 were broadly similar to those in the Morell River with concentrations ranging from 15.5 mg/l to 18.0 mg/l at SW08 and 15.7 mg/l to 16.4 mg/l at SW16. The chloride levels recorded in 2020 are similar to previous years. All of the results from PGC Estate were well below the drinking water limit of 250 mg/l.

**Table 7.9 Chloride in Surface Water Samples**

Water Body	Sampling Location	2020 Range Chloride (mg/l)	Orientation from site
Morell River	SW01	16.3 – 22.0	Upstream SE
	SW02	16.8 – 21.0	Upstream E
	SW03	17.0 – 21.0	Adjacent E
	SW04	17.7 – 18.1	Adjacent E
	SW05	<10.0 – 22.0	Downstream NE
Onsite Waterbody	SW Lagoon	7.0 – 43.0	Onsite
Watercourse on PGC (Hartwell River)	SW08	15.5 – 18.0	Upstream SE
	SW16	15.7 - 16.4	Upstream SE

### 7.2.1. Biological Q-rating assessment

The last biological Q-rating assessment was undertaken in August 2020. Biological monitoring of the Morell River is not required until Kerdiffstown Landfill begin to discharge from the site. However, KCC have chosen to continue monitoring in advance of this date.

In August 2020 the assessment involved macroinvertebrate sampling at eighteen locations, twelve on the Morell River and six on the Hartwell. This included eleven of the sites monitored in 2018 plus the addition of one site on the Morell commonly used by the EPA for Q-value assessments (M13). The monitoring locations were selected to provide an indication of the water quality of the main tributaries of both rivers and were chosen to help interpret the proximity of upstream pollution sources. The Hartwell river, one of the main tributaries of the Morell River was assessed to determine its influence on the water quality of the Morell. These included six in the Morell River (M1-6); and one in its tributary, the Hartwell River (H1) and three additional site; two further upstream on the Morell (M7 & M8, 1 km upstream from M1) and one on the Hartwell (H2) above the existing monitoring site (H1). Two near the headwaters of the Hartwell (H3 & H4), three on the Morell (M9, M10 & M13) and one on the Morell tributary (M12). Two additional sites that were included in the 2018 survey, one at Arhurstown (H6), one between Arhurstown and Johnstown (H5). The macroinvertebrate data was used to derive a Q-value for each monitoring location based on the proportions of different macroinvertebrate groups.

The Q-value results are listed in **Table 7.10** below. This assessment found that both the Morell and Hartwell rivers are impacted. The water quality of the Morell River is largely slightly polluted (Q3-4) with some stretches alongside Naas and Johnstown assigned a Q3 value of moderately polluted. The water quality improves downstream of the landfill from Q3 upstream at M1 to Q4 downstream at M6. The conclusions of the assessment state that it is likely that the good quality waters from the Hartwell help to improve the water quality of the Morell. It is also possible that recharge from groundwater is helping to improve it. This most recent assessment concluded that it was difficult to determine if the site was having an impact on the water quality in the Morell due to the moderate water quality status upstream of the site.

A previous assessment completed in December 2012 found that the water quality was good along the Morell River's length with sites achieving scores of Q4 and most achieving Q4-5. The biological water quality has therefore deteriorated since the 2012 assessment. This deterioration between the two assessments are indicative of this catchment as both the Morell and its tributary the Harwell have been fluctuating in water quality over the last 30 years. It is possible that this deterioration is due to flood improvement works upstream. (Full report available upon request).

**Table 7.10 2018 Q-values results for biological assessment locations**

Monitoring Point	Location	Q-Value
M1	Upstream of landfill	Q3
M2	Upstream of landfill, just upstream of tributary	Q3-4
M3	East of landfill, just downstream of tributary	Q3-4
M4	East of landfill	Q3-4
M5	Northeast of landfill	Q3-4
M6	Downstream of landfill	Q4
M7	Upstream of landfill (1km)	Q3-4
M8	Upstream of landfill (1km)	Q3
M9	Upstream of landfill (Beggar's End crossroads)	Q4
M10	Upstream of landfill (near Newtown Great)	Q3
M12	Morell Tributary (N.E. Baysland)	Q3
M13	Morell River, west of Tipper North	Q4
H1	Hartwell River (tributary of Morell)	Q3-4
H2	Hartwell River (tributary of Morell)	Q3
H3	Hartwell River (near Rathmore)	Q4-5
H4	Hartwell River (upstream of H3)	Q4-5
H5	Hartwell River (south east of Kill)	Q4
H6	Hartwell River (adjacent to Arthurstown)	Q4

### 7.3. Leachate

Monitoring of leachate pumped from the lined cell was carried out by the site management on a weekly basis comprising a single sample taken at the leachate storage tanks and sent to the laboratory for analysis for the following parameters:

PH, electrical conductivity, COD, chloride and ammonia.

Analysis for an expanded suite of parameters on a quarterly, biannual and annual basis was completed during 2020. These included dissolved methane, heavy metals and priority substances.

A summary of the results for 2020 is provided in **Table 7.11**.

**Table 7.11 Summary Composition of Leachate**

	Max (mg/l)	Date Observed	Min (mg/l)	Date Concentration observed	Average (mg/l)
Ammoniacal Nitrogen as N	566	11 May 2020	136	3 November 2020	260
Chloride	552	11 May 2020	117	28 July 2020	223
COD	1439	20 October 2020	167	25 August 2020	416

Analysis of leachate from the lined cell area during 2020 was noted to be broadly similar to results obtained for 2019, where ammoniacal nitrogen results ranged from 136 mg/l to 566 mg/l, chloride results ranged from 117 mg/l to 552 mg/l, and COD ranged from 167 mg/l to 1439 mg/l.

As shown in **Table 7.11** concentrations of COD ranged from a maximum of 1439 mg/l in October to a low of 200 mg/l recorded in August.

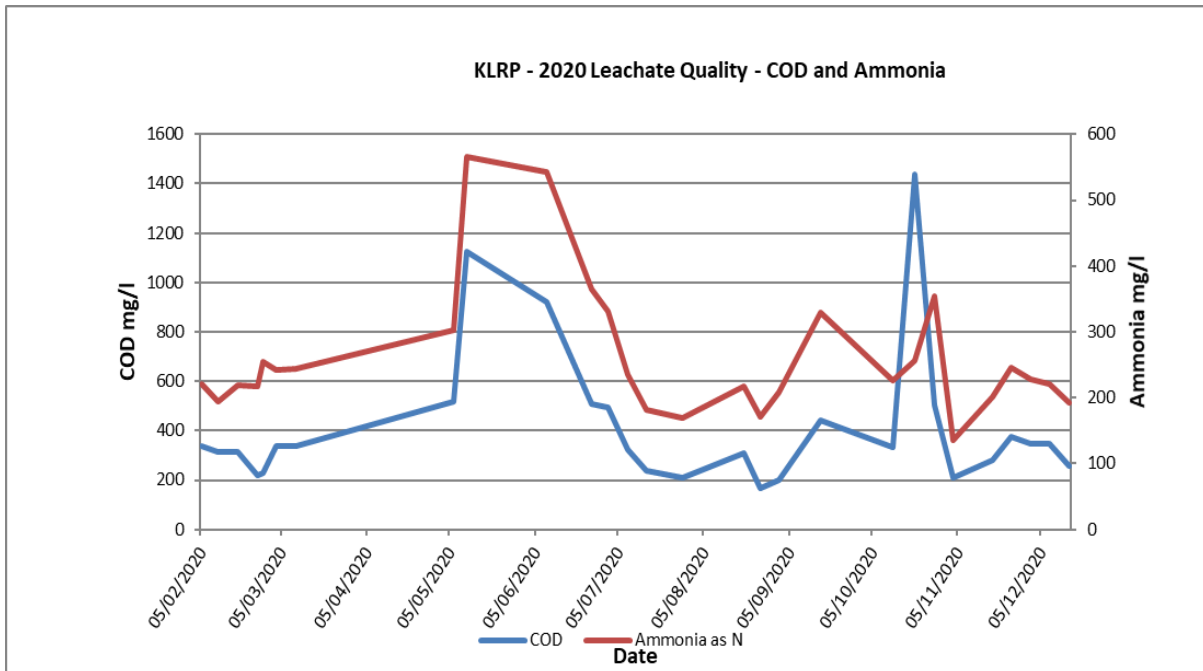
Ammoniacal nitrogen ranged from a maximum of 566 mg/l in May to a low of 136 mg/l recorded in November.

Chloride ranged from a maximum of 552 mg/l in May to a low of 117 mg/l recorded in July.

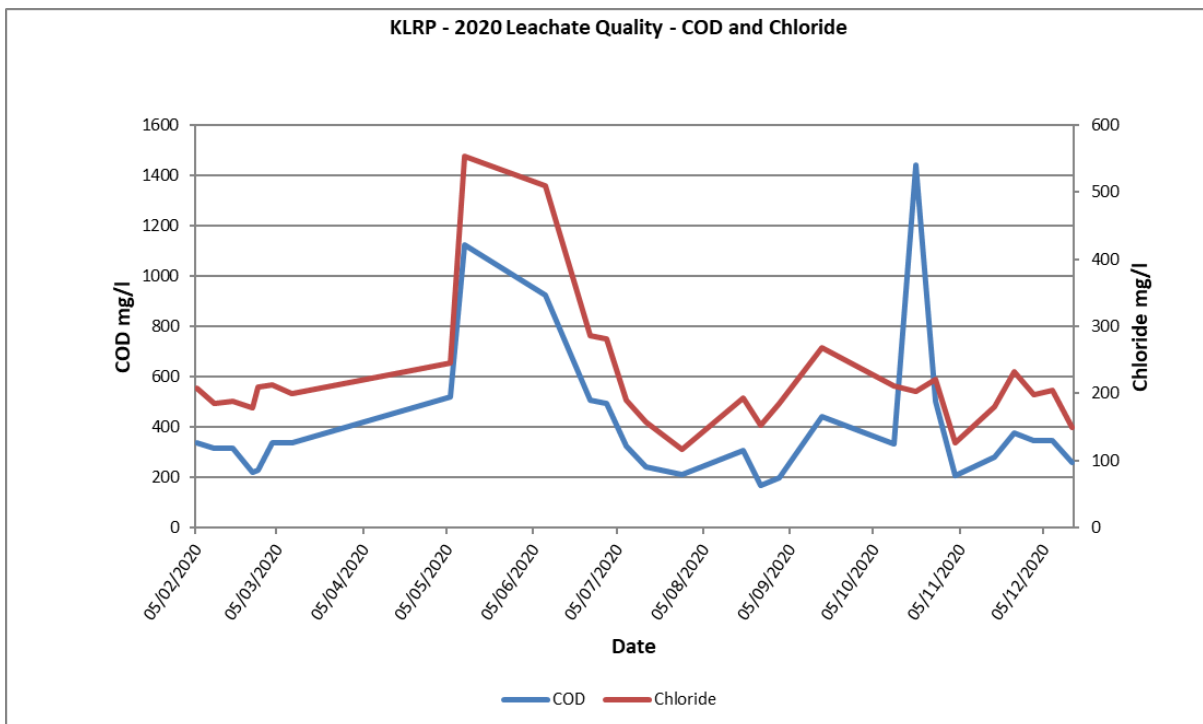
Concentrations can vary dramatically during the year as can be seen in Graphs 7.6 and 7.7. This is largely due to the fact that leachate production and quality is very much rainfall dependant. High rainfall levels or prolonged rainfall events lead to increased volumes of leachate, but it also dilutes the leachate meaning that the leachates produced can often contain lower concentrations of pollutants. Graphs 7.6 and 7.7 show peaks and troughs throughout 2020. The peaks generally correspond with dryer periods (in May for example), while wetter periods show decreases in pollutant concentrations (in February for example).

In 2011 the average concentration of ammoniacal nitrogen and COD in leachate was noted to be 505 mg/l and 1,140 mg/l respectively. The averages and peaks have been reducing since 2011, with 2015's average being the lowest recorded at 224 mg/l for ammoniacal nitrogen and 2018's average the lowest recorded at 360 mg/l for COD.

**Graph 7.6 Leachate Composition - COD and Ammoniacal Nitrogen**



**Graph 7.7 Leachate Composition - COD and Chloride**



## 7.4. Landfill Gas

### 7.4.1. Perimeter/Offsite Landfill Gas Monitoring

In-waste landfill gas monitoring in Zone 1 and the Lined Cell is undertaken by KCC on a regular basis with results recorded in monitoring spreadsheets. Trend graphs are updated to assess gas concentrations over time and are discussed in Section 4.1.2 Landfill Gas Management and provided as part of Appendix D.

Off-site and perimeter landfill gas monitoring is undertaken by KCC on a monthly basis (refer to Figure 3b 'Perimeter Landfill Gas Monitoring Locations' for an overview of the all perimeter landfill gas wells).

A GA5000 infra-red gas analyser is used to record methane, carbon dioxide and oxygen concentrations as well as atmospheric pressure. The older wells monitored (i.e. EMW02-EMW08 and EMW10) are groundwater monitoring wells with gas taps fitted. 13 new perimeter gas monitoring wells were installed during 2019 and an additional 13 wells were installed during 2020. These wells have been included in the monthly monitoring programme as per licence conditions. Additional perimeter wells will be installed onsite as the remediation project progresses.

**Table 7.12** provides a summary of the results from perimeter and off-site landfill gas monitoring completed in 2020.

During Quarter 1 some of the newly installed landfill gas monitoring wells were not fully commissioned until February or March, therefore data is only available for part of the quarter.

In April and May 2020 part of the site which comprised a contractor's compound (used during works on the L2005 road realignment project) was closed due to Level 5 COVID-19 restrictions which included the closure of construction sites. During this time monitoring wells GM05 to GM09 were not accessible. In July, the same part of the site which comprised a contractor's compound was closed due to summer holiday shutdown and again monitoring wells GM05 to GM09 were not accessible.

Methane was detected at a concentration in exceedance of the trigger level of 1.0 %v/v at GM08 during monthly perimeter gas monitoring in August, October and December 2020. This monitoring well is located adjacent to the site entrance. It was not detected at any other monitoring well throughout the monitoring period.

The exceedance was reported as an incident to the EPA in accordance with the requirements of the IEL. No odours have been detected in the vicinity of this well and only low levels of Hydrogen Sulphide (0-17ppm) have been detected in the well itself so no odour impact is anticipated. Investigation of the source of methane this area is ongoing and daily landfill gas monitoring of GM08 is taking place.

In 2020 carbon dioxide was detected in offsite and perimeter monitoring wells. The concentration of carbon dioxide in a number of the perimeter wells was found to be consistently higher than the IEL limit level for carbon dioxide (1.5% CO<sub>2</sub> v/v). **Table 7.12** provides a summary of the results with highlighted cells indicating exceedance of 1.5 v/v % trigger limit for CO<sub>2</sub>. These exceedances were reported as an incident to the EPA in accordance with the requirements of the IEL.



**Table 7.12 Offsite and Perimeter Landfill Gas Monitoring Results 2020 - Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)**

	Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ) % v/v											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
EMW02	NR	NR	NR	0	0	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	0
EMW03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMW04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMW05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMW06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMW07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMW08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMW10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM05	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	0
GM06	0	NR	NR	NA	NA	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
GM06A	0	0	0	NA	NA	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
GM07	0	0	0	NA	NA	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
GM08	0	0	0	NA	NA	0.4	NA	<b>11.9</b>	0.9	<b>2.3</b>	0.1	<b>3.8</b>
GM09	0	NR	0	NA	NA	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
GM10	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM12			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM13								0	0	0	0	0
GM17						0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM18						0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM19		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM20		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM21						0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM22		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ) % v/v											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
GM23						0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM25						0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM27			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM28	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0
GM28A		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM29		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM30		0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	0
GM31		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GM35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Notes:** Bold and shaded - elevated levels (i.e. levels that are greater than the trigger levels given in Schedule B.1.3 of the Waste Licence) of CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>.

Parts of the table shaded in green represent new wells which had not yet been fully commissioned during this monitoring period.

NR – no result as wells were flooded at the time monitoring.

NA – not accessible

**Table 7.13 Offsite and Perimeter Landfill Gas Monitoring Results 2020 - Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).**

	Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) % v/v											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
EMW02	NR	NR	NR	2.1	1.5	NR	NR	NR	NR	0.3	NR	0.6
EMW03	<b>3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	1.1	3.4	0.1	0.2	<b>2.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>
EMW04	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	0.4	1.4	<b>5.5</b>	0.9	<b>1.6</b>	0.5	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>
EMW05	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.8	1	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.6
EMW06	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	1.1	<b>2.8</b>
EMW07	0.5	NA	0	0.3	0.7	1.1	1	0.7	0.7	0.9	1	0.9
EMW08	0.5	NR	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.9	1.1	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.4
EMW10	<b>2.7</b>	0.7	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.4	<b>1.9</b>	1.2	0.9	0.9	1	<b>4.1</b>
GM05	1.1	1	0.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.8	1.1	<b>1.5</b>	1.3	1.4
GM06	0.4	NR	NR	NA	NA	0.2	NA	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.4
GM06A	1.4	1.3	1	NA	NA	0.7	NA	0.1	0	0.2	1	<b>1.5</b>
GM07	0.9	0.2	0.2	NA	NA	0.7	NA	1.3	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	0.8	0.9
GM08	0.1	0.7	<b>4.1</b>	NA	NA	7.2	NA	<b>18.7</b>	1.1	<b>3.7</b>	0.2	<b>2.6</b>
GM09	<b>6.4</b>	NR	<b>5.1</b>	NA	NA	<b>14.6</b>	NA	1.3	<b>13</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>6.4</b>
GM10	<b>8.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>12.2</b>
GM12			<b>1.7</b>	1	1	0.4	<b>1.6</b>	0.9	<b>2.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>
GM13								0.2	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4</b>	0.1	<b>3.3</b>
GM17						0.2	1.4	0.2	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>9.1</b>
GM18						0.3	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.4	0.8	<b>4.8</b>
GM19		<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	<b>2</b>	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>4.2</b>
GM20		0.1	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	0.2	<b>3.1</b>
GM21						0.2	0.1	0.1	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	0.4	<b>7.4</b>
GM22		<b>5.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.9</b>	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.4	0.2	<b>8.6</b>

	Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) % v/v											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
GM23						0.2	0.1	0.1	<b>4.6</b>	1.2	1.1	<b>9.5</b>
GM24		0.1	<b>9.6</b>	<b>10.2</b>	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.2	<b>11.2</b>
GM25						1	0.1	<b>11.3</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>	0.1	<b>12.1</b>
GM26		0.1	<b>8.2</b>	<b>8.1</b>	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	<b>8.4</b>	0.5	0.9	<b>9.3</b>
GM27		0.2	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>7.6</b>
GM28		0.3	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2</b>	0.2	0.2	NA	NA	NA	<b>2.9</b>	2	<b>3.4</b>
GM28A	<b>2.1</b>	0.2	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	0.3	0.4	1.3	0.7	<b>1.7</b>	0.3	1.4	<b>2.4</b>
GM29	<b>2</b>	0.4	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	0.3	0.5	0.2	<b>1.6</b>	0.1	0.8	<b>2.2</b>
GM30	<b>1.8</b>	0.1	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	0.2	0.4	1.1	NA	1.2	0.2	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3</b>
GM31	NA	NA	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	1	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	1	<b>2.2</b>	0.1	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>
GM35	<b>4.2</b>	0.1	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>

Notes: Bold and shaded - elevated levels (i.e. levels that are greater than the trigger levels given in Schedule B.1.3 of the Waste Licence) of CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>.

Parts of the table shaded in green represent new wells which had not yet been fully commissioned during this monitoring period.

NR – no result as wells were flooded at the time monitoring.

NA – not accessible due to new boundary fencing being installed on the site.

#### 7.4.2. Hydrogen Sulphide Analysis

During January, February and March 2020 samples were taken on a monthly basis from four landfill gas extraction wells (LG04, LG05, LG09 and LG10) in Zone 1 and sent to a laboratory for hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) analysis. The levels recorded onsite using the landfill gas analyser for these wells were frequently above the concentration range (0-10,000ppm).

The results of the analysis are presented as part of Appendix D. A summary of the results for 2020 is provided in **Table 7.14**.

**Table 7.14 Summary of Hydrogen Sulphide Concentration 2020**

Monitoring location	Max (ppm)	Date Concentration observed	Min (ppm)	Date Concentration observed	Average (ppm)
LG04	10700	12 March 2020	8930	29 April 2020	10010
LG05	3090	29 April 2020	2470	12 March 2020	2733
LG09	7270	29 April 2020	4960	12 March 2020	6063
LG10	10800	29 April 2020	7000	12 March 2020	8447

Concentrations vary considerably over the three monitoring events with the highest levels being recorded in April for three of the four monitoring locations.

## 7.5. Air Monitoring

### 7.5.1. Stack Emissions

Odour Monitoring Ireland were commissioned by Kildare County Council to carry out stack emissions testing on the Landfill Gas Flare at Kerdiffstown Landfill. Two rounds of flare stack monitoring were carried out in 2020. Round one was completed on the 25<sup>th</sup> June and the second round was completed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. The results are shown in **Table 7.15** below. Regarding Oxides of Nitrogen and Carbon Dioxide, all concentrations were well within the Emission Limit Values as set out in Schedule B.1.1 of the licence.

**Table 7.15 Air Stack Monitoring Results 2020**

Parameter	Units	Round 1	Round 2	Limit
Hydrogen Chloride	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.41		
Hydrogen Fluoride	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.36		
Sulphur Dioxide	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	210.01	212.63	
Total VOCs	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2.41		
Oxides of Nitrogen (as NO <sub>2</sub> )	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	44.4	66.24	150
Carbon Monoxide	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2.48	2.38	50
Carbon Dioxide	% v/v	9.03	9.01	
Oxygen	% v/v	8.5	8.56	
Water Vapour	% v/v	9.2	-	

### 7.5.2. Dust Monitoring

Dust is airborne particulate matter in the size range of 1–75µm. In general dust can present a nuisance if it is present at high concentrations.

The first deposition survey was undertaken during May and June 2020 from 18/05/20 to 16/06/20; followed by another during August and September 2020 from 14/08/20 to 14/09/20. They were completed using Bergerhoff gauges in accordance with the *German Standard VDI 2119, (Measurement of Dustfall, determination of dustfall using the Bergerhoff Instrument)*. A total of seven locations situated within the site boundary and two locations off site were selected for monitoring purposes as presented in Figure 3C. A monitoring point was located in the southeast of the site to ensure all areas of the site were covered.

The gauges were left exposed to the ambient air for a period of one month during which time the dust deposition in the area passively collected in the vessels. The collected samples were sent to a laboratory for gravimetric analysis. The sample results are expressed as mg of dust deposited per day (mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day).

**Table 7.16** presents the results for the monitoring. There were no exceedances of the licence limit of 350 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day during either of the monitoring periods in 2020. The highest dust level was detected at D1 during May-June at 332 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day. The remaining dust results in the first monitoring round ranged from 3.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day at

D7 (at the south-west boundary of the site) to 56.1 mg/l/m<sup>2</sup>/day (near the east-southeast boundary).

D1 also recorded the highest dust levels during the August-September monitoring period although they were much lower at 121.6 mg/l/m<sup>2</sup>/day. The remaining dust results in the second monitoring round ranged from 15.3 mg/l/m<sup>2</sup>/day at D6 (off-site to the south east) to 70.9 mg/l/m<sup>2</sup>/day (on the western boundary).

It should be noted that all levels were within the licence limits.

**Table 7.16 Dust Monitoring Results 2020**

Location	(mg/m <sup>2</sup> /day)		
	Licence Limit	May-Jun 2020 Result	Aug-Sep 2020 Result
D1	350	332	121.6
D2		33.6	22.7
D3		16.8	60
D4		12	70.9
D5		49.6	48.8
D6		11.5	15.3
D7		3.8	21
D8		13.2	59.3
D9		56.1	28.6

## 7.6. Odour

Monthly odour monitoring has been undertaken by KCC personnel since April 2016. Prior to this, monthly odour monitoring was carried out by Jacobs' staff from August 2014 to March 2016. 10 locations are assessed comprising eight off site and two on-site areas (see Figure 3d). Odour monitoring is completed in line with the EPA AG5 'Odour Impact Assessment Guidance for EPA Licensed Sites' and carried out by suitably qualified personnel.

Particular emphasis is placed in areas where previous odour complaints have been received or where there is a history of strong odours from time to time. In line with the EPA Guidance Note (AG5), an odour intensity of 0 to 4 (most intense) is logged, and an odour persistence of between 0 and 2 (most persistent). Weather conditions and atmospheric pressure are recorded during each of the surveys to aid with the overall assessments and conclusions.

No odour complaints were received during 2020.

The main sources of odour from Kerdiffstown Landfill are due to diffuse gases arising from the decomposition of waste in the landfill, particularly in the NW area. In the area around the high security hut located in Zone 1, intermittent faint landfill gas type odours were detected during three monitoring events (May, September and December). Landfill gas odour was not detected around the 250 flare compound or at any off site odour monitoring locations during the monthly odour monitoring events in 2020. **Tables 7.17a** and **7.17b** summarise the results of the odour assessments conducted in 2020. For further details please refer to the Monthly Odour Reports (Ref 12).

Remediation activities officially commenced on 16 November 2020 with the appointment of Wills Bros Limited. As a result of their appointment there will be an increase in activity over the coming months with the onset of the remediation works. As a result of this there will be an increase in the frequency of odour assessments carried out by both the contractor and KCC as required. Furthermore, there will be a revision of the odour management plan currently in place to align with the planned remediation works.



**Table 7.17a Summary of odour monitoring (January-June 2020)**

	Intensity	Persistence	Intensity	Persistence	Intensity	Persistence	Intensity	Persistence	Intensity	Persistence	Intensity	Persistence
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun						
Offsite												
OMP1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Onsite												
250 Flare Compound	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Security Hut in North west (Zone 1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0

**Table 7.17b Summary of odour monitoring (July-December 2020)**

	Intensity	Persistence	Intensity	Persistence	Intensity	Persistence	Intensity	Persistence	Intensity	Persistence	Intensity	Persistence
Month	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec	
Offsite												
OMP1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OMP8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Onsite												
250 Flare Compound	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Security Hut in North west (Zone 1)	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1

## 7.7. Geotechnical

Inclinometer readings at two locations were undertaken by NVM Ltd during 2020.

An inclinometer borehole is a borehole fitted with specially designed pipe that allows for measurement of ground movements. Movements are assessed by dropping a probe into the pipe and measuring any changes in the verticality of the pipe when compared to previous readings.

KLRP has two inclinometers in place on slopes that have been assessed as being at high risk. Inclinometer monitoring was undertaken in accordance with ASTM D6230 - 13 "Standard Test Method for Monitoring Ground Movement Using Probe-Type Inclinometers". Inclinometer boreholes were monitored quarterly during 2020.

The findings of these assessments revealed little to know movement of the slopes during 2020. No further geotechnical assessments will be undertaken with the planned remediation works designed to removes the risk of any slope failures being undertaken in Q1 2021.

## 7.8. VOC Survey

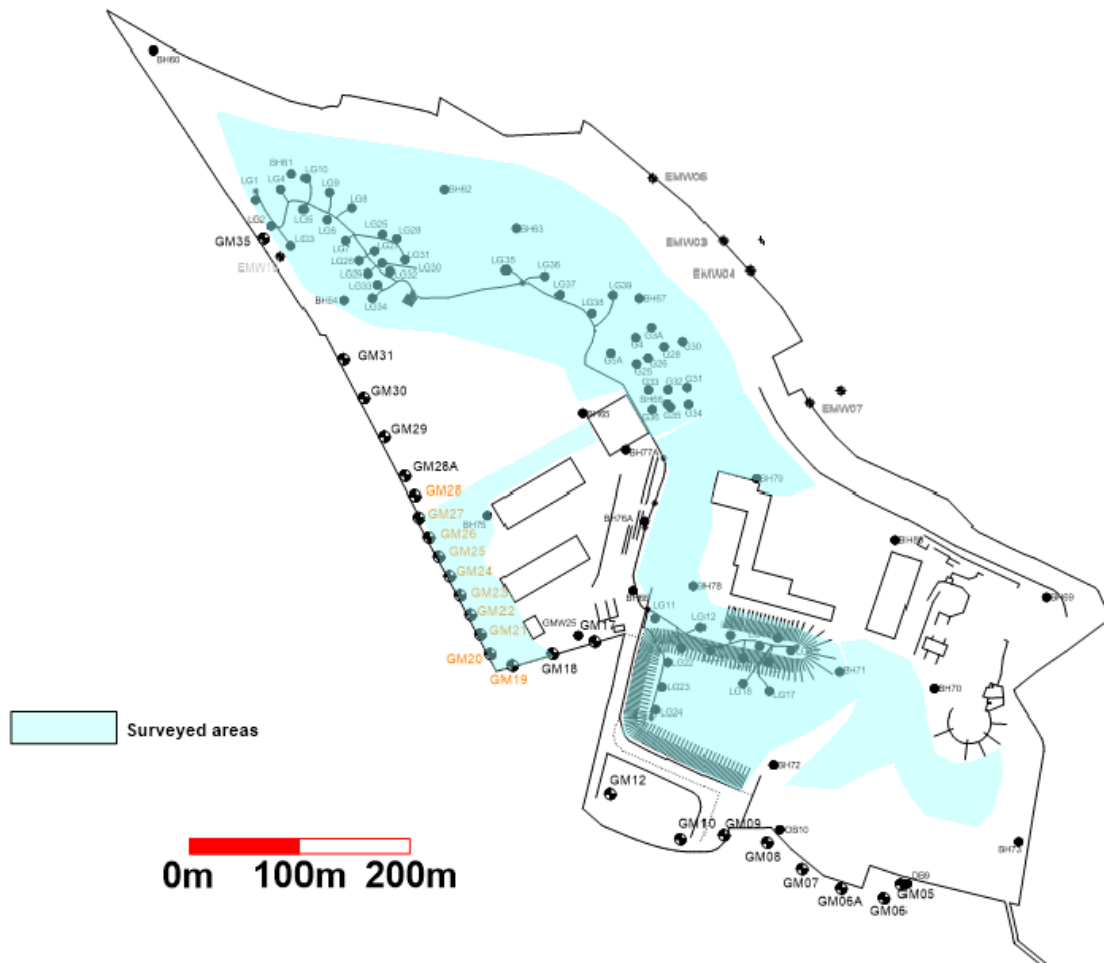
Odour Monitoring Ireland were engaged to complete a biannual independent assessment and report on surface VOC emissions. Two surveys were undertaken during 2020. The first survey was carried out on 25 June 2020 and the second on the 22 October 2020 to ascertain any areas of potential surface VOC emissions from the facility.

VOCs were measured around the areas of Zone 1 & Zone 3 using an 'Odour Hog' comprising a flame ionisation detector (FID) to measure the methane fraction of emissions; and a photo ionisation detector (PID) to measure the odourous volatile compounds. The unit was calibrated before and after the surveys using reference isobutylene and methane.

The 'odour hog' has a sample response time <3.5 seconds for the FID and an integrated GPS (Magellan Professional). The capping of the facility was surveyed for potential surface emissions areas and these areas were geo-referenced

The sample response time of the MiniRAE 3000 is <3 seconds. It was operated in the 0 - 999.9 ppm range with a resolution of 0.1 ppm. The team on site walked the area in a grid formation logging any detections of gas and recording the GPS location of the detection using the Viewranger GPS accurate to 1 meter. VOC surface emission monitoring was undertaken in accordance with EPA document AG6 'Surface VOC Emissions Monitoring on Landfill Facilities' requirements.

**Plate 7.4 2020 Map of Areas Surveyed for Surface VOC Emissions**



The survey assessed VOC emission points across the main uncapped waste bodies on a grid basis and subsequently marked these emission points on a map for comparison with previous surveys completed during 2011- 2019.

Measurement of surface emissions was in accordance with of AG6 ‘Surface VOC Emissions Monitoring on Landfill Facilities’. The emission limits as per the licence are <50 ppm as methane average over capped areas or <100 ppm methane instantaneous reading on open surfaces within the landfill footprint; and <500 ppm as methane around identified features.

The first survey identified twelve individual surface emissions zones. During the second survey eight individual surface emissions zones were identified. These are detailed in the following tables.

Plate 7.5 2020 Map of Surface VOC Emissions Detected in Round 1 Survey

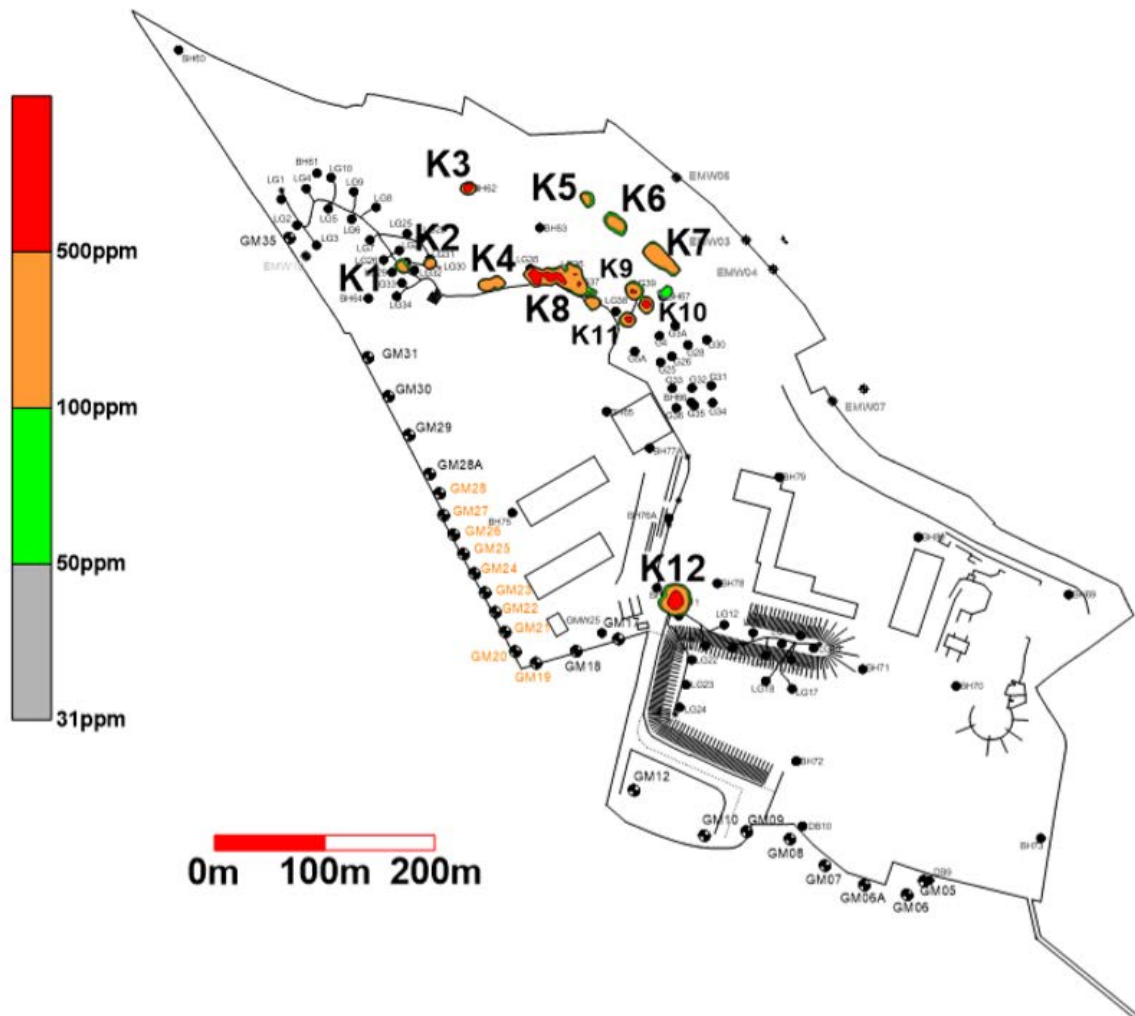


Table 7.18: Round 1 Survey Data Table

Location	Map ID	VOC maximum (ppm)	Reference	Recommended Trigger Levels (ppm)
Zone 1	K1	320	Vertical well	<100 ppm
Zone 1	K2	1,250	LG25	<500 ppm
Zone 1	K3	1,600	Surface area	<500 ppm
Zone 1	K4	240	LG35	<100 ppm
Zone 1	K5	280	Vertical well	<100 ppm
Zone 1	K6	300	Surface area	<100 ppm
Zone 1	K7	420	Vertical well	<100 ppm
Zone 1	K8	2,500	Vertical well	<500 ppm
Zone 1	K9	1,010	Vertical well	<500 ppm
Zone 1	K10	1,500		<500 ppm
Zone 1	K11	750		<100 ppm
Zone 3	K12	1,400		<500 ppm



## 7.9. Meteorological Data

A weather station is present on site; however, for much of 2020 the wind speed and direction were not accurate and have not been used to inform the information contained in **Appendix E** Meteorological Information is obtained from the on-site weather station. Monthly information on rainfall, temperature, wind speed and direction are obtained from Met Éireann weather station at Casement Aerodrome for inclusion in reports including the monthly environmental report and the groundwater and surface water report. Meteorological information from Casement Aerodrome is also collated and presented on a monthly basis as part of the reports with graphs showing trends over time.

Overall rainfall for 2020 was a decrease from 2019 with total rainfall for the year at 814.2 mm compared to 865.3 mm for 2019. February was the wettest month of the year with rainfall of 155.4 mm. **Appendix E** presents the summary data for the weather at Casement Aerodrome for 2020.

## 7.10. Noise Monitoring

Daytime noise monitoring was carried out in June (2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) and September (16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>) and November (8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>). Evening-time noise monitoring was carried out in November (25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>).

\*Agreement was sought from the EPA to permit only daytime noise monitoring for 2020 as no activities would be ongoing on the site during evening-time or night-time. This was agreed by the EPA and three rounds of daytime noise monitoring were completed in 2020.

All monitoring was completed in accordance with the EPA Guidance Note for Noise in Relation to Scheduled Activities (NG4) using a Brüel and Kjær 2250 Type 1 Sound Level Meter (SLM) with an outdoor microphone unit Type 4198. A total of eight locations (N1 to N9) situated at the site boundary or close to sensitive receptors were selected for monitoring purposes. The results were compared to the noise limits set out in NG4. Emission limits specified in the licence are 55 dB  $L_{Aeq,30mins}$  for daytime, 50 dB  $L_{Aeq,30mins}$  for evening and 45 dB  $L_{Aeq,15mins}$  for night-time. A summary of results is set out in **Table 7.20**.

**Table 7.20 Noise Monitoring Results**

	Daytime (Limit: 55 dB LA <sub>eq,30</sub> )		
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
<b>N1</b>	45.2	52.2	51.7
<b>N2</b>	42.4	50.4	48.3
<b>N3</b>	51.7	53	51.9
<b>N4</b>	45.6	51.6	41.9
<b>N5</b>	46.9	46.6	50.6
<b>N6</b>	42.4	48	45.4
<b>N7</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>60.9</b>
<b>N9</b>	45.9	50.8	<b>57.1</b>

There were four exceedances of the daytime noise limit of 55 dBA.

A single daytime exceedance was recorded at location N9 (during Round 3). N9 is located on the north-western boundary of the site close to a sensitive receptor. There was a large increase in the noise levels recorded at this location during the third round of monitoring of 2020. The dominant noise typically observed in this area during the daytime surveys was traffic noise from the N7 and the local road L2005. The exceedance recorded in Round 3 was due to tree and hedge cutting works being carried out in an adjacent field by a local landowner. There was also airplane noise during the Round 3 monitoring period.

N7 recorded exceedances for each of the monitoring surveys. This monitoring point is located to the south-east of the site close to a sensitive receptor. The receptor is adjacent to the N7 motorway. The dominant noise observed during monitoring was traffic on the N7 motorway and on the L2005 and was consistently above the emission limit of 55 dBA.

There were no activities ongoing on the site during the 2020 monitoring periods. Road realignment works were being carried out on the L2005 during Round 1 and Round 2 surveys. This resulted in a slight increase in LA<sub>eq</sub> at N3, which was adjacent to the works area, to 51.7 dB and 53 dB (47.1 dB to 53.3 dB in 2019). Levels did not exceed the licence limit. The works were completed in October.

There was a general reduction in background noise levels (measured as LA<sub>90</sub>) noted in each of the monitoring rounds when compared with 2019 monitoring results. This was most likely due to reduced traffic activity on the N7 as a result of Covid-19 travel restrictions.



## **8. Summary**

### **8.1. Management**

The site is under the control of Kildare County Council with responsibility for implementing the remediation and ongoing management of the site. The statutory approvals required to undertake the remediation have been put to facilitate the remediation.

### **8.2. Incidents and Complaints**

Three incidents were recorded in 2020, all three were relating to a breach of a trigger level.

### **8.3. Emissions management**

Controlled emissions from the facility are limited to landfill gas and leachate. Landfill gas emissions are managed the enclosed landfill gas flares. Leachate is collected from the lined cell and transported off site for treatment.

### **8.4. Waste Management and Resource Consumption**

During 2020 a small amount of waste was generated from the site office.

35.84Tn of inert waste of rebar removed from demolished concrete walls was removed from site.

4.326Tn of sewage waste was also removed from site.

### **8.5. Restoration works**

During 2020, no significant restoration works were undertaken. In November 2020 Wills Bros Limited were appointed as the main contractor to undertake the remediations works in accordance with the conditions of the planning permission and IEL as documented in the approved specified engineering works. In November and December 2020 some site preparatory work was undertaken to facilitate the start of the works in January 2021. These works included site clearance, demolition of concrete walls and establishment of the new site office compound.

### **8.6. Environmental Monitoring**

#### **8.6.1. Groundwater Results**

Groundwater chemical analysis results are generally consistent with previous monitoring events completed on behalf of the EPA since 2011 and indicate elevated concentrations of key landfill leachate indicators (ammoniacal nitrogen, depleted oxygen levels, increased electrical conductivity, chloride, iron and manganese concentrations) in on-site monitoring wells completed in the overburden deposits, also with evidence in seasonal variations in concentrations for certain parameters. Monitoring indicates limited evidence of off-site leachate impact, including elevated concentrations of certain parameters in monitoring wells located along the northern and north-eastern boundary of the site near to the unlined and uncapped area of the landfill. Furthermore, monitoring wells completed in the underlying bedrock show slight impact from landfill leachate.

### **8.6.2. Surface Water Results**

The analytical results from the surface water samples collected during the January to December 2020 monitoring period indicate that water quality in both the Morell River and the Hartwell River is good. Water quality in the downstream samples was very similar to water quality in the respective upstream samples.

While the site remains in its current form and in particular the wastes in the northern part of the site remain uncapped (and unlined) there remains the potential for increased generation of leachate through rainfall infiltration into the waste mass and therefore increased potential for leachate migration towards the Morell River.

### **8.6.3. Biological Q-rating**

A biological q-rating assessment took place in August 2020. The conclusions of the assessment state that it is likely that the good quality waters from the Hartwell help to improve the water quality of the Morell. It is also possible that recharge from groundwater is helping to improve it. This most recent assessment concluded that it was difficult to determine if the site was having an impact on the water quality in the Morell due to the moderate water quality status upstream of the site. Its findings were consistent with the previous assessments. There was no indication that the landfill is having any discernible impact on the Morell River as it passes the site.

### **8.6.4. Leachate**

Leachate analysis from the lined cell area completed during 2020 is broadly similar to those results obtained from previous sampling events in recent years. However, over the longer term, the concentration of ammoniacal nitrogen and COD has fallen from the initially recorded concentrations.

### **8.6.5. Landfill Gas**

Landfill gas results from both the lined cell area and the north-western area obtained during 2020 were noted to be generally stable. There has been a gradual decline in methane and carbon dioxide concentrations over time with both well fields showing a gradual reduction in gas concentrations as landfill gas is extracted and burnt off at the 250 flare since July 2011. However, in 2017 there was an improvement in the quality of gas in the lined cell due to the emplacement of waste from the demolished buildings and improvements to the rain cover and these concentrations remained relatively stable in 2020.

### **8.6.6. Dust**

Dust monitoring was completed in May/June 2020 and again in August/September 2020. No exceedances were recorded of the licence limit of 350 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day.

### **8.6.7. Odour Monitoring**

Odour monitoring has been conducted on a monthly basis since 2014. No odours were detected at off-site monitoring locations during 2020. At the two on-site monitoring locations intermittent faint landfill gas type odours were observed in the area of the high security hut, but no odours were detected around the 250 flare compound. Odours have previously been detected in both these areas depending on prevailing winds. At the present time it is considered that odour occurrences are

being minimised at the site through best practice and regular monitoring. This is in line with guidance provided in the EPA Landfill Manuals, Landfill Monitoring.

#### **8.6.8. Geotechnical**

No significant movement of slopes was detected in 2020

#### **8.6.9. VOC Surface Emissions**

Two VOC surface emissions surveys were undertaken in June and October 2020 to ascertain sources of facility gas surface emissions and make recommendations regarding potential improvements to the existing landfill gas infrastructure.

#### **8.6.10. Meteorological Data**

Meteorological information was collated on a daily basis during 2020.

#### **8.6.11. Noise Monitoring**

Noise monitoring was completed, and recorded exceedances of the licence limits were not as a result of activities undertaken on Kerdiffstown Landfill.

# Appendices

Appendix A **AER REQUIREMENTS (FROM P1063-01)**

The below table outlines the information as per Schedule D of the Proposed Decision (P1063-01) where it can be found.

<b>P1063-01 Schedule D AER Requirements</b>	<b>Section of report / Comment</b>
Emissions from the installation.	Chapter 4
Waste Management Record.	Section 5.2
Resource consumption summary.	Section 5.3 & Section 5.4
Complaints summary.	Section 2.7.2
Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets.	Section 2.2
Environmental management programme – report for previous year.	Section 2.2
Environmental management programme – proposal for current year.	Section 2.2
Pollutant Release and Transfer Register – report for previous year.	Section 4.7
Pollutant Release and Transfer Register – proposal for current year.	Section 4.7
Noise monitoring report summary.	Section 7.11
Ambient monitoring summary.	Chapter 7
Tank and pipeline assessment report.	Not included in report (available upon request)
Reported incidents summary.	Section 3.1 / Appendix C
Energy efficiency audit report summary.	Not included in report (available upon request)
Report on the assessment of the efficiency of use of raw materials in processes and the reduction in waste generated.	Not currently applicable
Report on progress made and proposals being developed to minimise water demand and the volume of trade effluent discharges.	Not currently applicable

P1063-01 Schedule D AER Requirements	Section of report / Comment
A report on compliance with recommendations of the Detailed Quantitative Risk Assessment (DQRA) submitted to the Agency.	Section 7.1.1 & Separate report not included (available upon request)
Development/Infrastructural works summary (completed in previous year or prepared for current year).	Chapter 6
Reports on financial provision made under this licence, management and staffing structure of the installation, and a programme for public information.	Section 2.3
Review of Closure, Restoration & Aftercare Management Plan.	Section 2.4
Statement of measures in relation to prevention of environmental damage and remedial actions (Environmental Liabilities).	Section 2.5
Environmental Liabilities Risk Assessment Review (every three years or more frequently as dictated by relevant on-site change including financial provisions).	Section 2.5
Any other items specified by the Agency.	N/A

Appendix B

Landfill Gas Survey 2020



**A survey of landfill sites to determine the quantity of methane flared and or recovered in utilisation plants for 2020**

Please choose from the drop down menu the licence number for your site

Please choose from the drop down menu the name of the landfill site

Please enter the number of flares operational at your site in 2020

Please enter the number of engines operational at your site in 2020

Total methane flared  kg/year

Total methane utilised in engines  kg/year

**Please note that the closing date for receipt of completed surveys is 31/03/2021**

**Introduction**

The Office of Environmental Sustainability (OES) of the Environmental Protection Agency acts as the inventory agency in Ireland with responsibility for compiling and reporting national greenhouse gas inventories to the European Commission and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. In addition to meeting international commitments Ireland's national greenhouse gas inventory informs national agencies and Government departments as they face the challenge to curb emissions and meet Ireland's emission reduction targets under the Effort Sharing Decision (No. 406/2009/EC). The national inventory also informs data suppliers, making them aware of the importance of their contributions to the inventory process and a means of identifying areas where input data may be improved.

It is on this basis that the Environmental Protection Agency is asking landfill operators to partake in this survey so that the most up to date information on methane flaring and recovery in utilisation plants at landfills sites is used in calculating the contribution of the landfill sector to national greenhouse gas emissions

The Environmental Protection Agency wishes to thank you for partaking in this survey. If you have any questions about the survey and how to complete it please view the "Help sheet" worksheet. If however, your query is not answered by viewing the "Help sheet" worksheet please contact:

[LFGP@epa.ie](mailto:LFGP@epa.ie)

Once completed please send the completed file as an attachment clearly stating the name and or licence number of the landfill site (e.g. W1000.Xanadu landfill\_2020) to:

[LFGP@epa.ie](mailto:LFGP@epa.ie)

to be filled in by licensee calculated by spreadsheet

**Flare No. 1**

**Flare type ?** UNFLARE UF10-250

**Is the flare an open or enclosed flare ?** Enclosed Rated flare capacity ? 250 m3/hr

**Month/year commissioned ?** July 2011

**Month decommissioned if decommissioned in 2020 ?** Select

**What is the function of the flare ?** Other enter flare function here

Colour control

Monthly	Method M/C/E	Runtime days/month	Runtime hrs/day	Downtime hrs	Total runtime hrs/month	Average Inlet Pressure (mtg)	Average Inlet Temp °C	Average Flow Rate (m³/hr)	Average CH <sub>4</sub> %/v	Average CO <sub>2</sub> %/v	Average O <sub>2</sub> %/v	Combustion efficiency (%)	Total CH <sub>4</sub> m³	Total CH <sub>4</sub> kgs
January	C	31	24.0	130.5	614	-1	10	77	22.30	21.60	1.00	99.9	10517	7254
February	C	29	24.0	235.5	461	-1	10	75	21.80	21.90	1.00	99.9	7482	5161
March	C	31	24.0	379.5	365	-1	10	72	26.60	21.20	1.00	99.9	6964	4804
April	C	30	24.0	64.3	656	-1	10	88	20.90	21.00	1.00	99.9	12048	8311
May	C	31	24.0	34.0	710	-1	10	101	20.40	21.10	1.00	99.9	14571	10050
June	C	30	24.0	12.5	708	-1	10	113	20.90	21.40	1.00	99.9	16692	11514
July	M	31	24.0	0.0	744	-1	10	112	22.80	23.00	1.00	99.9	18958	13076
August	M	31	24.0	0.0	744	-2	10	102	23.10	22.90	1.00	99.9	17562	12102
September	M	30	24.0	0.0	720	-4	10	103	22.60	22.20	1.00	99.9	16771	11534
October	M	31	24.0	0.0	744	-4	10	106	21.70	22.30	1.00	99.9	17051	11727
November	M	30	24.0	0.0	720	-4	10	90	20.20	22.00	1.00	99.9	13014	8950
December	M	31	24.0	46.0	698	-5	10	83	20.50	21.40	1.70	99.9	11905	8779
<b>Total</b>					<b>7,882</b>								<b>163,535</b>	<b>112,661</b>

Please note: Only fill the "Yearly" table if data is not available or cannot be calculated nor estimated on a monthly basis

Yearly	Method M/C/E	Runtime days/year	Runtime hrs/day	Downtime hrs	Total runtime hrs/year	Average Inlet Pressure (mtg)	Average Inlet Temp °C	Average Flow Rate m³/hr	Average CH <sub>4</sub> %/v	Average CO <sub>2</sub> %/v	Average O <sub>2</sub> %/v	Combustion efficiency (%)	Total CH <sub>4</sub> m³	Total CH <sub>4</sub> kgs
2020					0		10					98.0	0	0



## Appendix C

**Incidents and Complaints Summary**

Incidents					
#	Date & Time	Type	Summary	Corrective Action	Recommendation & Follow up actions
1	23/01/2020	Minor	Trigger Level Reached	Ongoing Monitoring	None. Monitoring continues
2	14/08/2020	Minor	Trigger Level Reached	Ongoing Monitoring	None. Monitoring continues
3	22/10/2020	Minor	Trigger Level Reached	Ongoing Monitoring	None. Monitoring continues

Complaints					
#	Date & Time	Type	Summary	Corrective Action	Recommendation & Follow up actions
<b>No complaints received in 2020.</b>					

Appendix D

**GAS AND WATER TIME SERIES GRAPHS**

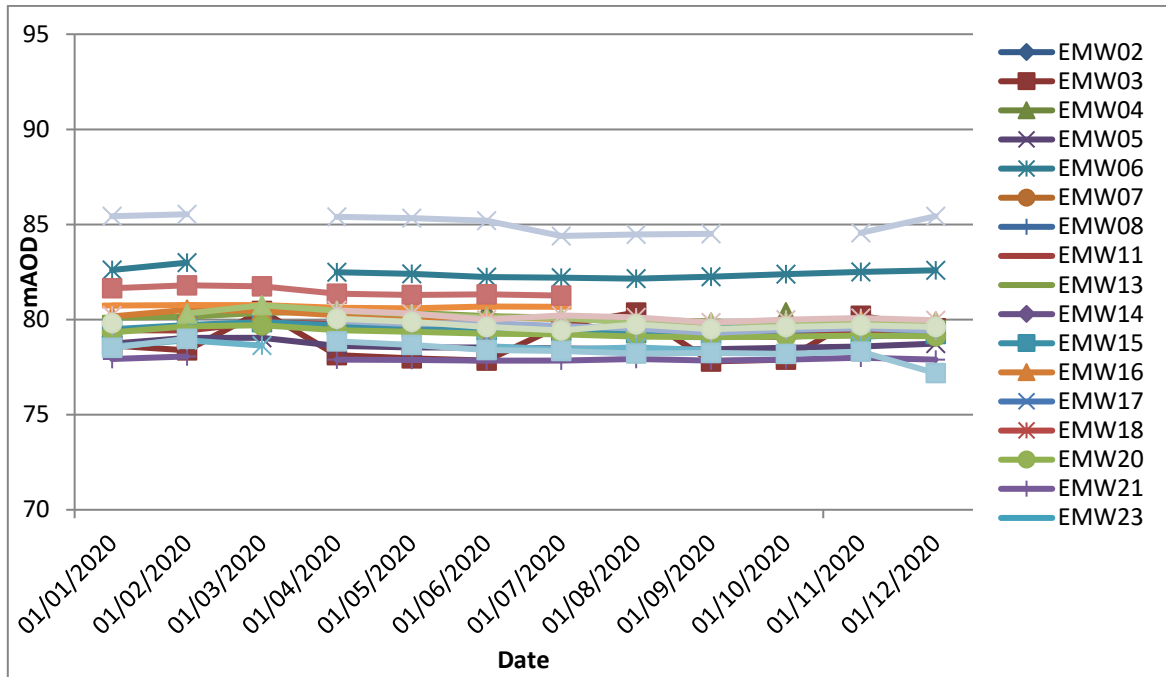
G1 Groundwater Dip Levels

G2 Leachate Level

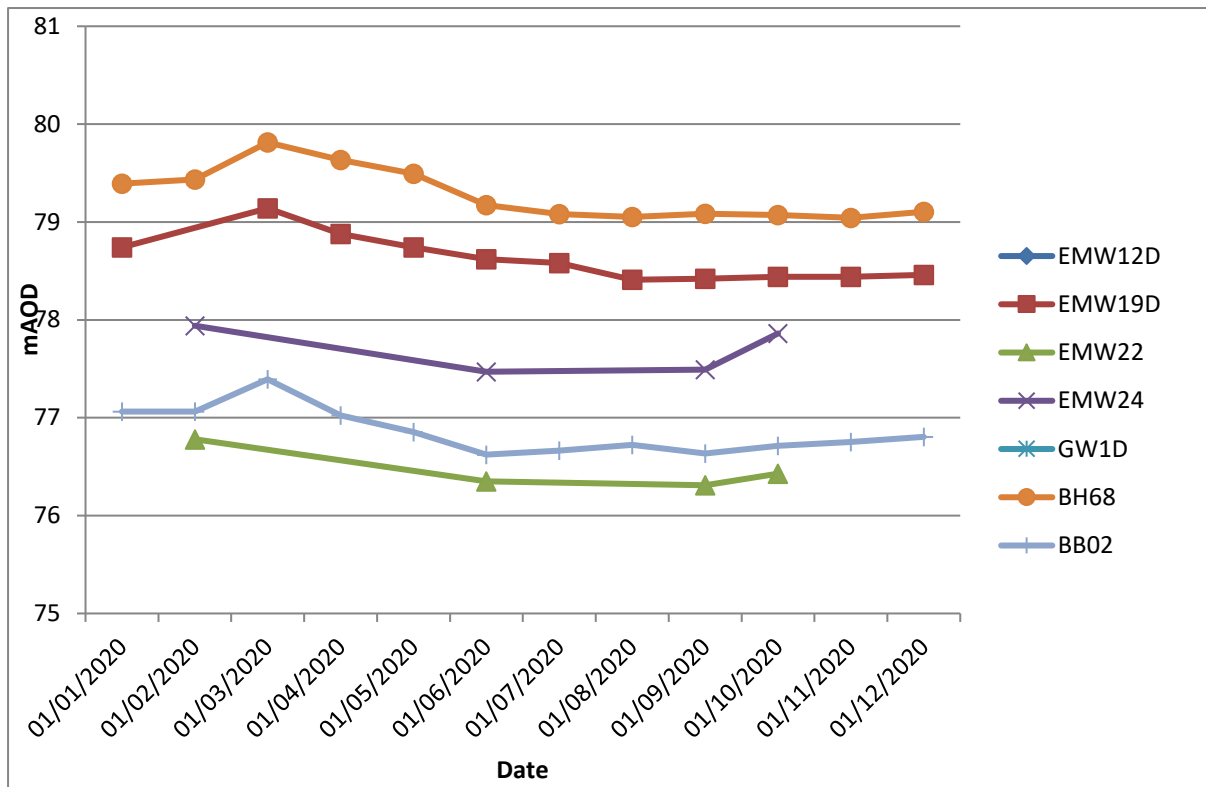
G3 Landfill Gas – methane in waste monitoring graphs

G4 Hydrogen Sulphide levels in Zone 1 gas extraction wells graph

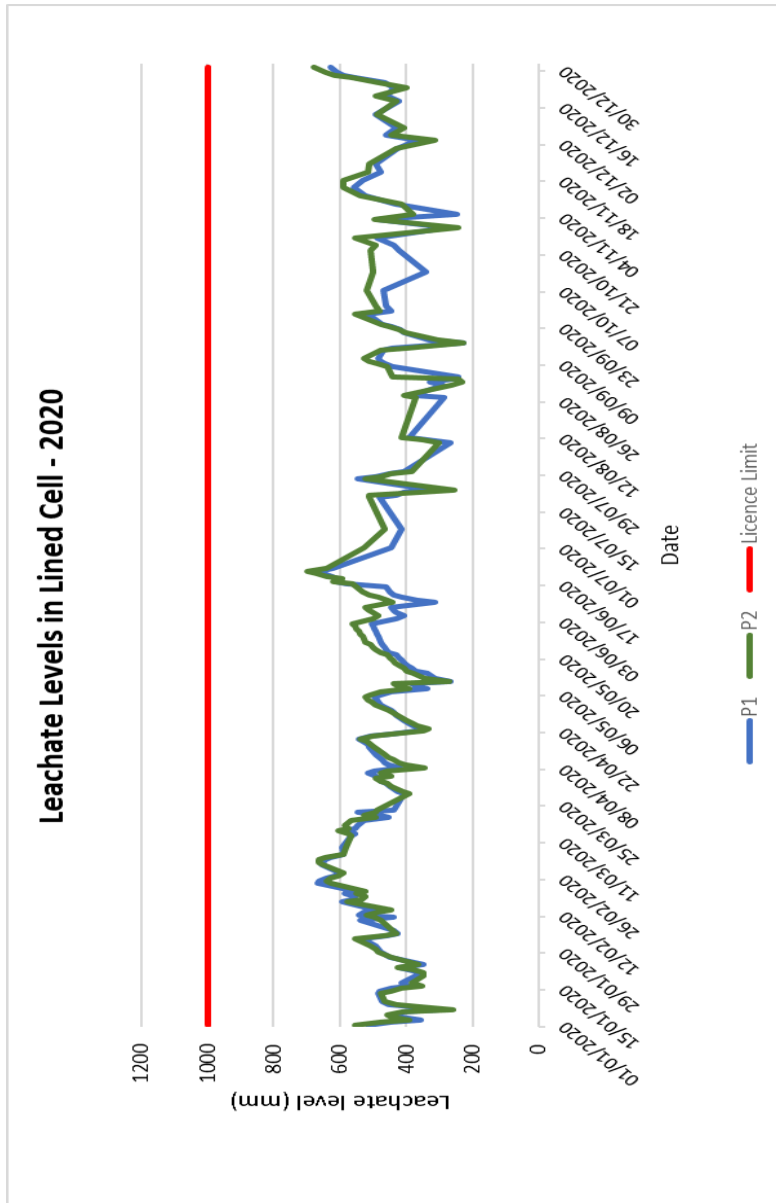
G1: Groundwater Dip Levels 2020



Bedrock Ground Water Levels 2020

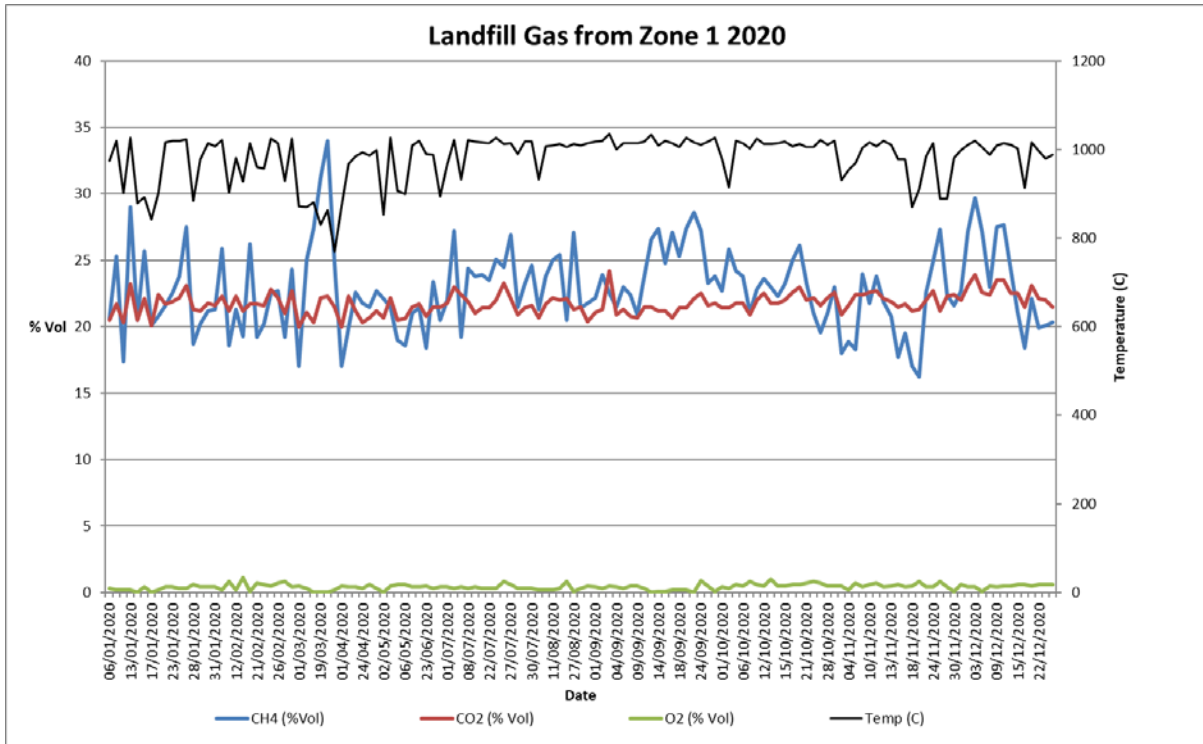


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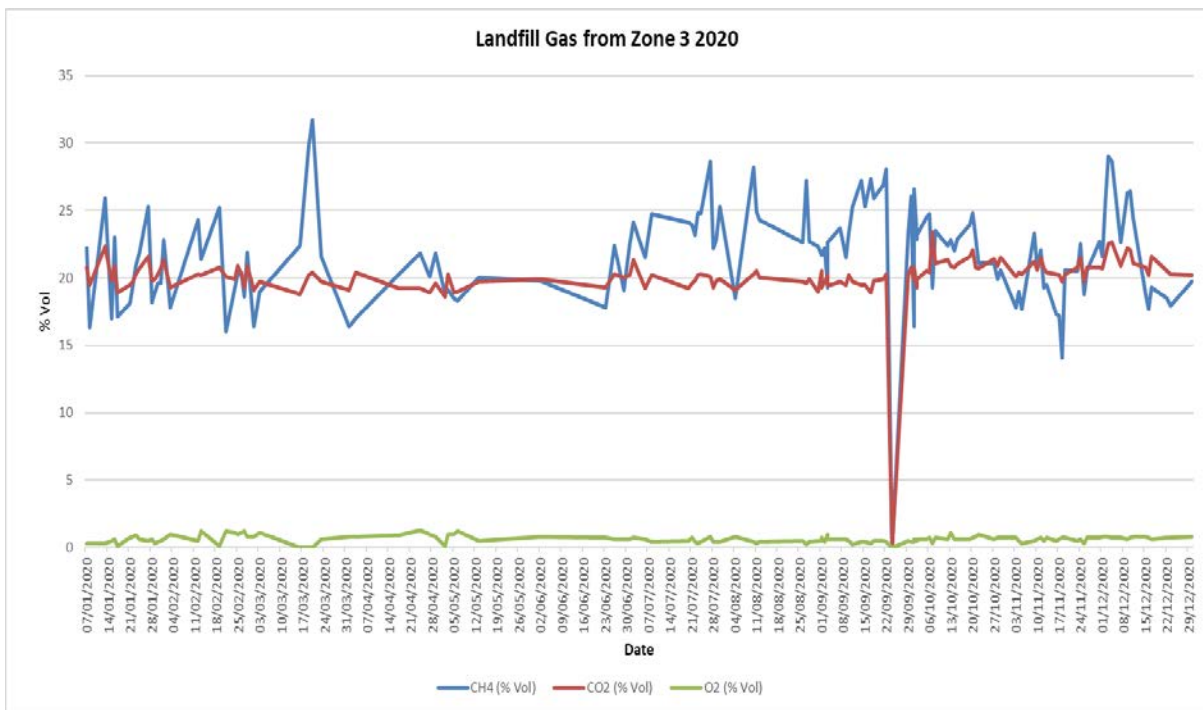


G3: Landfill Gas

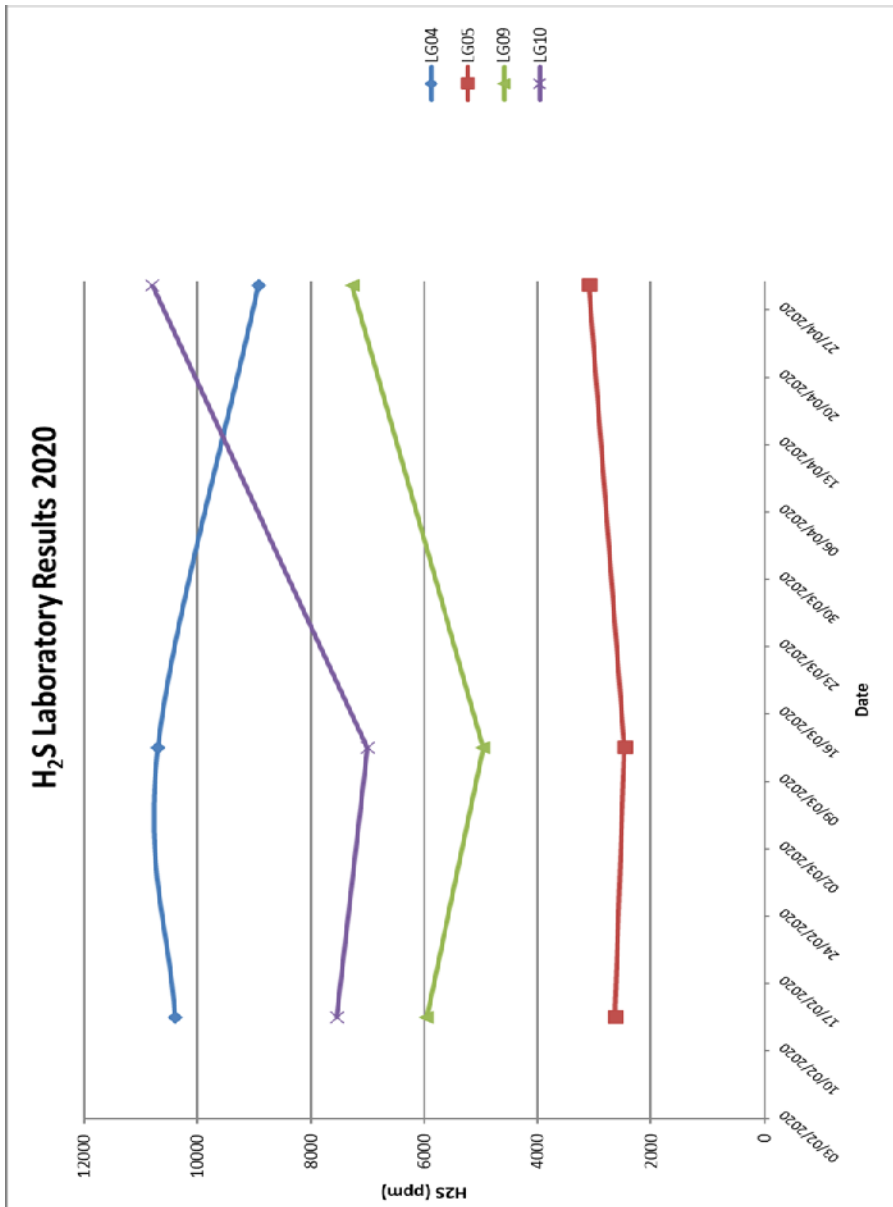
Zone 1 Landfill Gas



Zone 3 Landfill Gas



### G4: Hydrogen Sulphide levels in Zone 1 gas extraction wells



Appendix E **Meteorological Data Graphs & Tables****Temperature 2020**

	Average of Daily Max Temp (°C)	Average of Daily Min Temp (°C)	Average of Daily Min Grass Temp (°C)
Jan	8.75	3.44	0.96
Feb	8.79	2.31	0.24
Mar	10.11	2.05	-0.68
Apr	13.77	5.03	2.04
May	17.29	6.82	3.77
Jun	17.63	9.38	7.39
Jul	18.18	10.94	9.57
Aug	18.79	11.44	9.89
Sep	17.22	8.72	6.45
Oct	12.61	6.24	3.33
Nov	11.29	5.07	2.42
Dec	7.30	1.96	-1.02

**Rainfall & Potential Evapotranspiration 2**

	Dry Days	Wet Days	Max Daily Rainfall	Average Potential Evapotranspiration (mm)
Jan	14	17	11.1	0.53
Feb	2	27	35.6	0.75
Mar	15	16	9.3	1.26
Apr	22	7	4.2	2.07
May	24	7	3.1	3.28
Jun	5	25	14.8	2.51
Jul	6	25	20.6	2.48
Aug	11	20	13	2.06
Sep	14	16	14.7	1.59
Oct	4	27	17.2	0.93
Nov	11	19	11	0.51
Dec	8	23	14.6	0.37

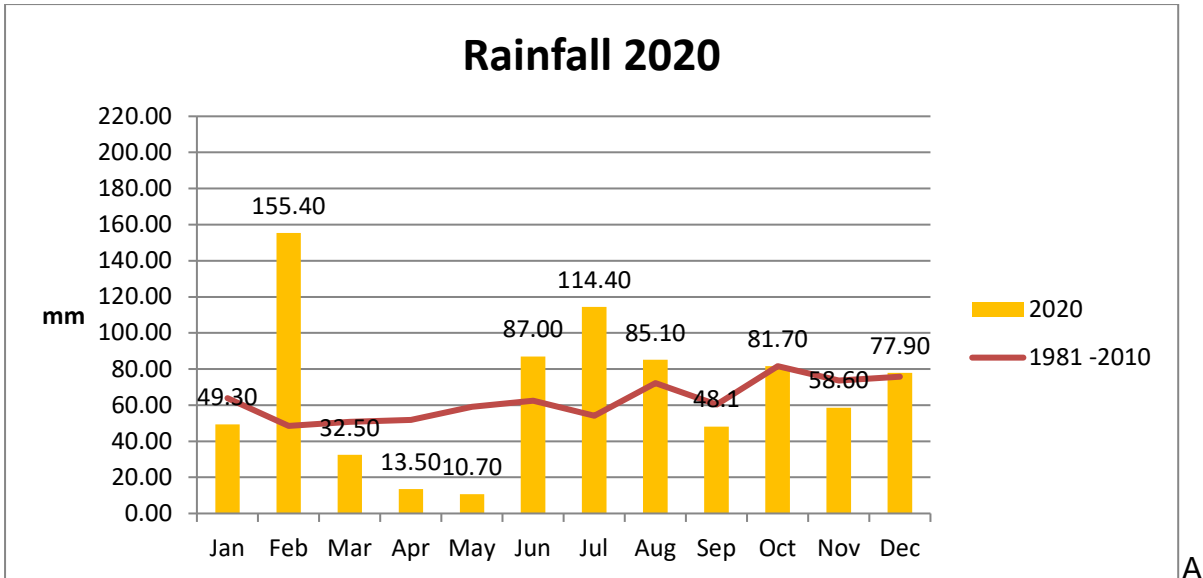


## Comparison of monthly rainfall with historical average

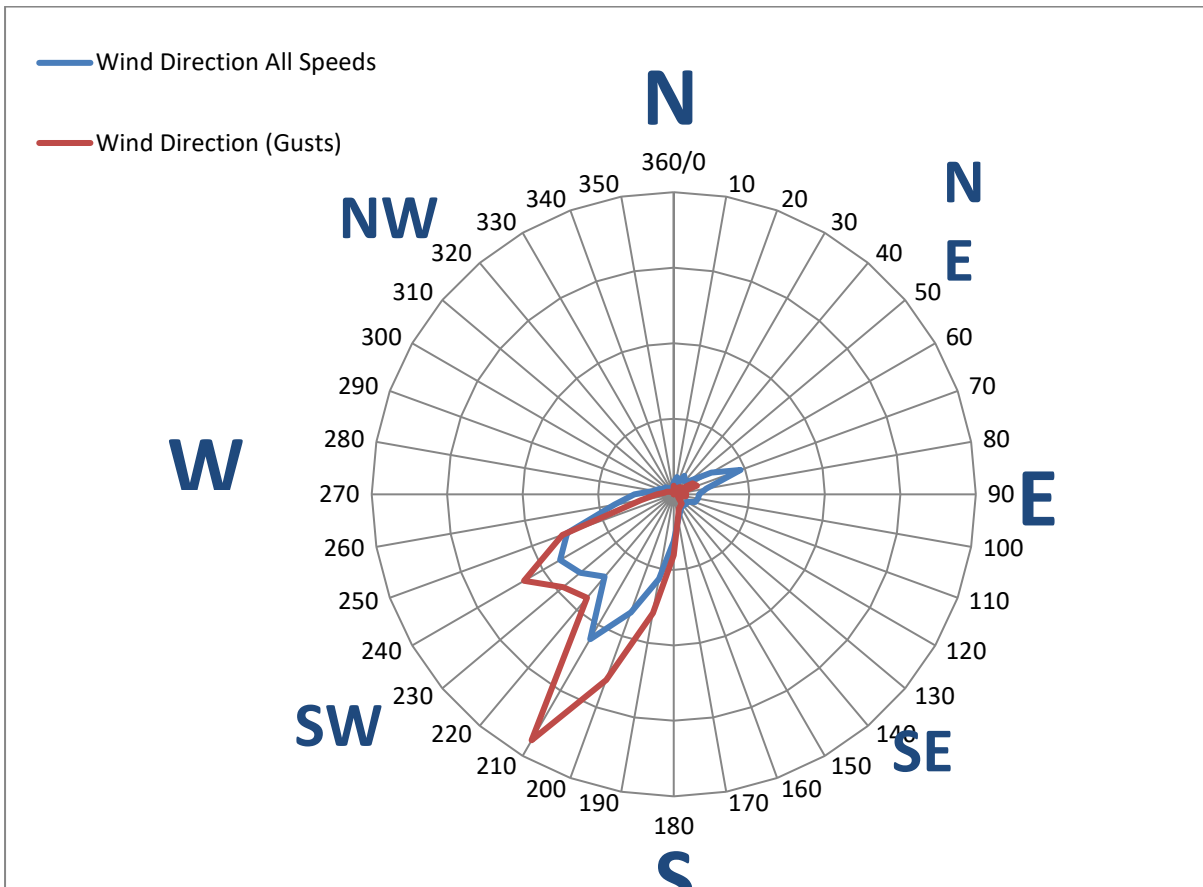
	Monthly Rainfall 2020 (mm)	Historic Average (1981 -2010) (mm)
Jan	49.30	63.8
Feb	49.30	48.5
Mar	49.30	50.7
Apr	49.30	51.9
May	49.30	59.1
Jun	49.30	62.5
Jul	49.30	54.2
Aug	49.30	72.3
Sep	49.30	60.3
Oct	49.30	81.6
Nov	49.30	73.7
Dec	49.30	75.7
Average	67.85	62.8

**Wind & Sunshine 2020**

	Average of Daily Wind speed (knots)	Wind Direction Degrees (average)	Average Pressure (hPa)	Monthly Total of Sunshine (Hours)
Jan	13.01	219.03	1003.02	65.60
Feb	16.32	227.59	992.45	83.60
Mar	11.47	173.87	1003.64	126.80
Apr	7.68	147.93	1006.26	184.80
May	8.48	184.84	1010.04	294.80
Jun	8.70	202.00	1000.87	126.50
Jul	9.33	245.81	1004.03	129.20
Aug	8.43	163.87	999.98	105.30
Sep	9.29	205.00	1004.98	144.80
Oct	11.05	205.81	994.95	103.40
Nov	11.71	201.33	1003.19	73.00
Dec	10.87	221.94	989.22	53.80




Wind rose showing wind direction for 2020 is provided below and shows that the prevailing wind direction was from a westerly or south westerly direction.





## Figures

### Figure 1 Site Location

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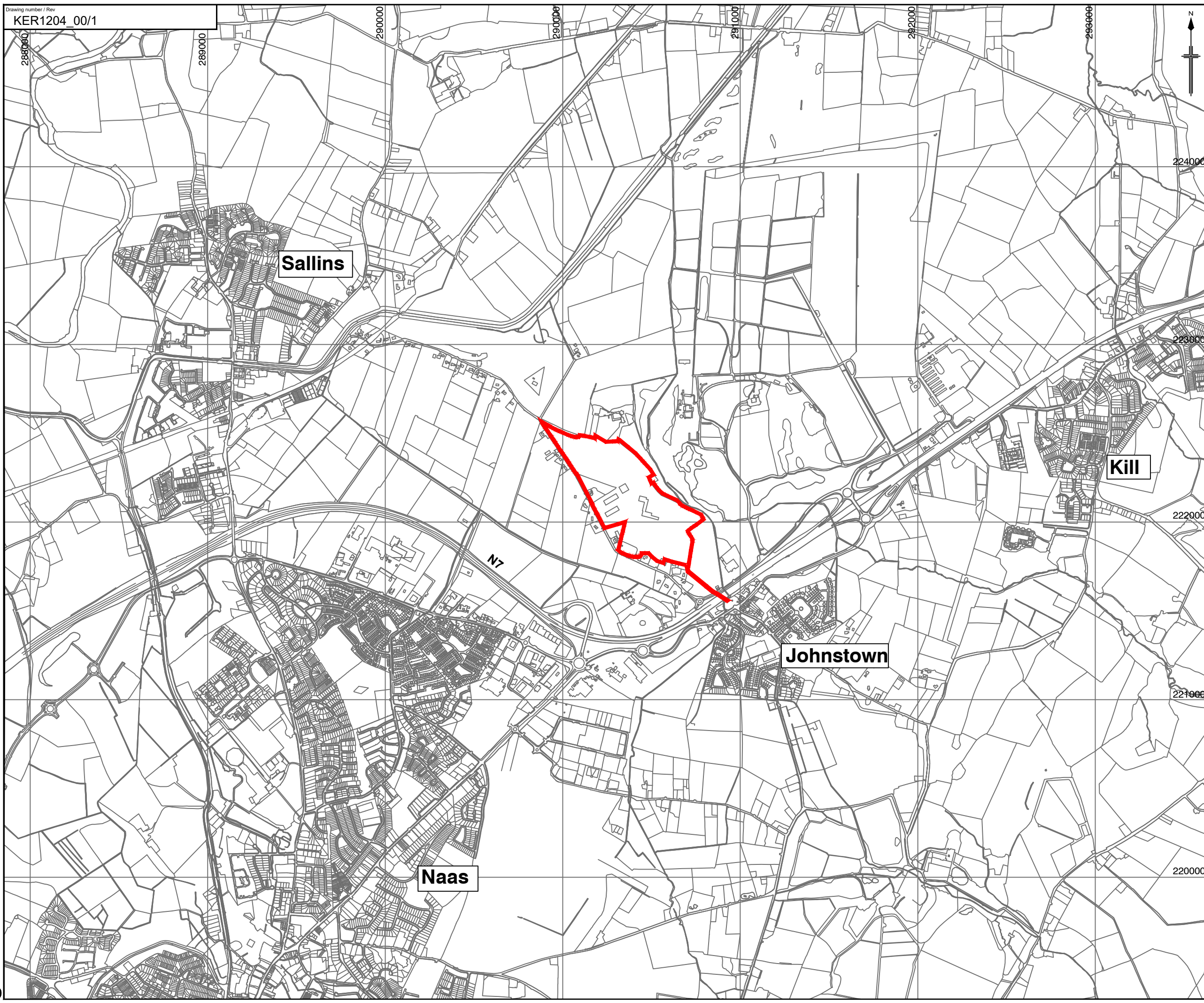
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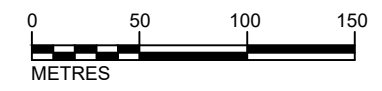
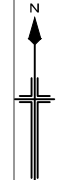


**FIGURE 2                      SITE LAYOUT**


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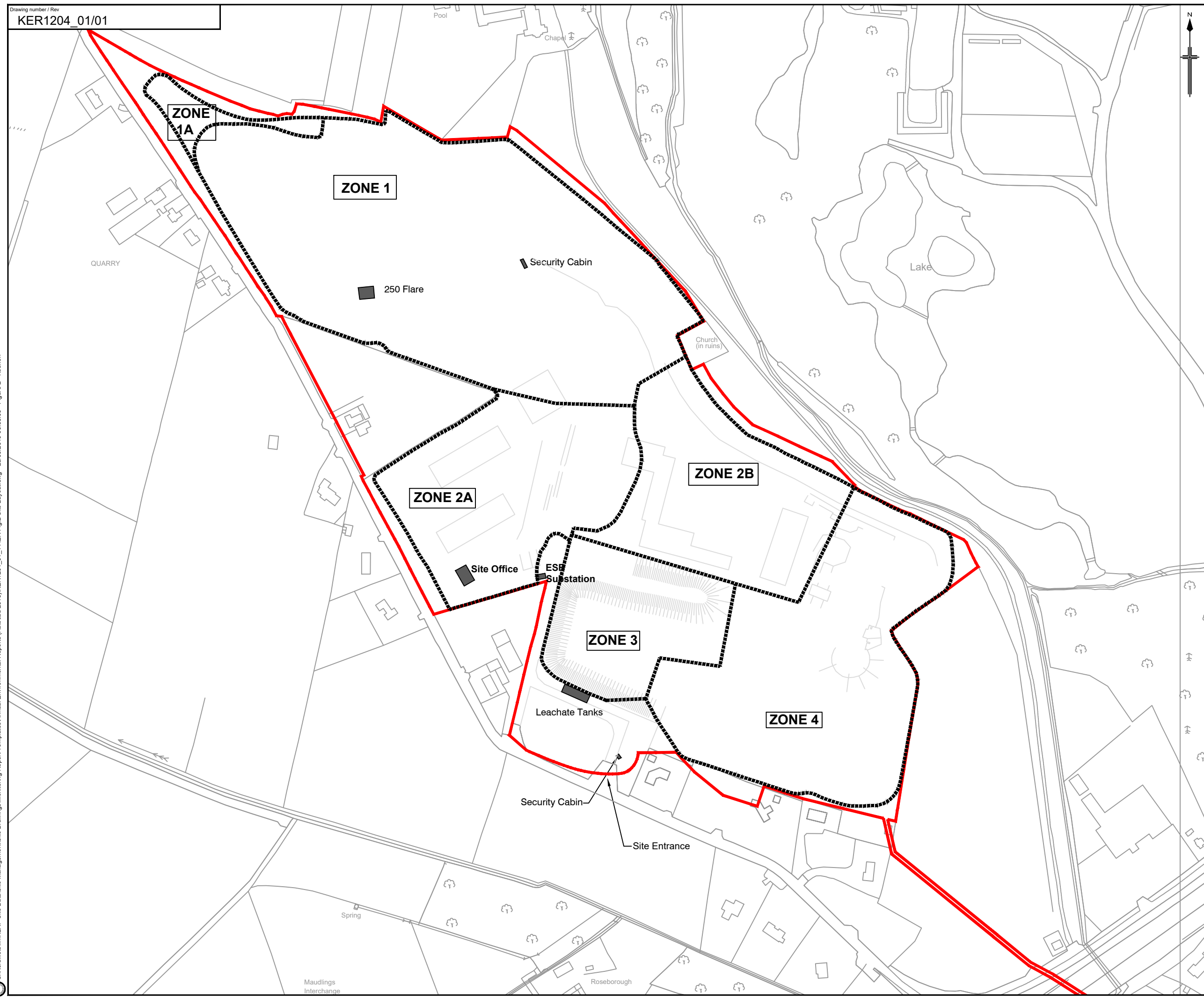
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**FIGURE 3                      MONITORING LOCATION REFERENCE DRAWINGS**



**FIGURE 3A GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER AND OFFSITE LANDFILL GAS  
MONITORING LOCATIONS**

KEY:

-  EPA Reg No. P1063-01
-  Groundwater Monitoring Point
-  Surface Water Monitoring Point
-  Monthly Wells
-  Overburden
-  Bedrock
-  In-Waste Boreholes



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GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER  
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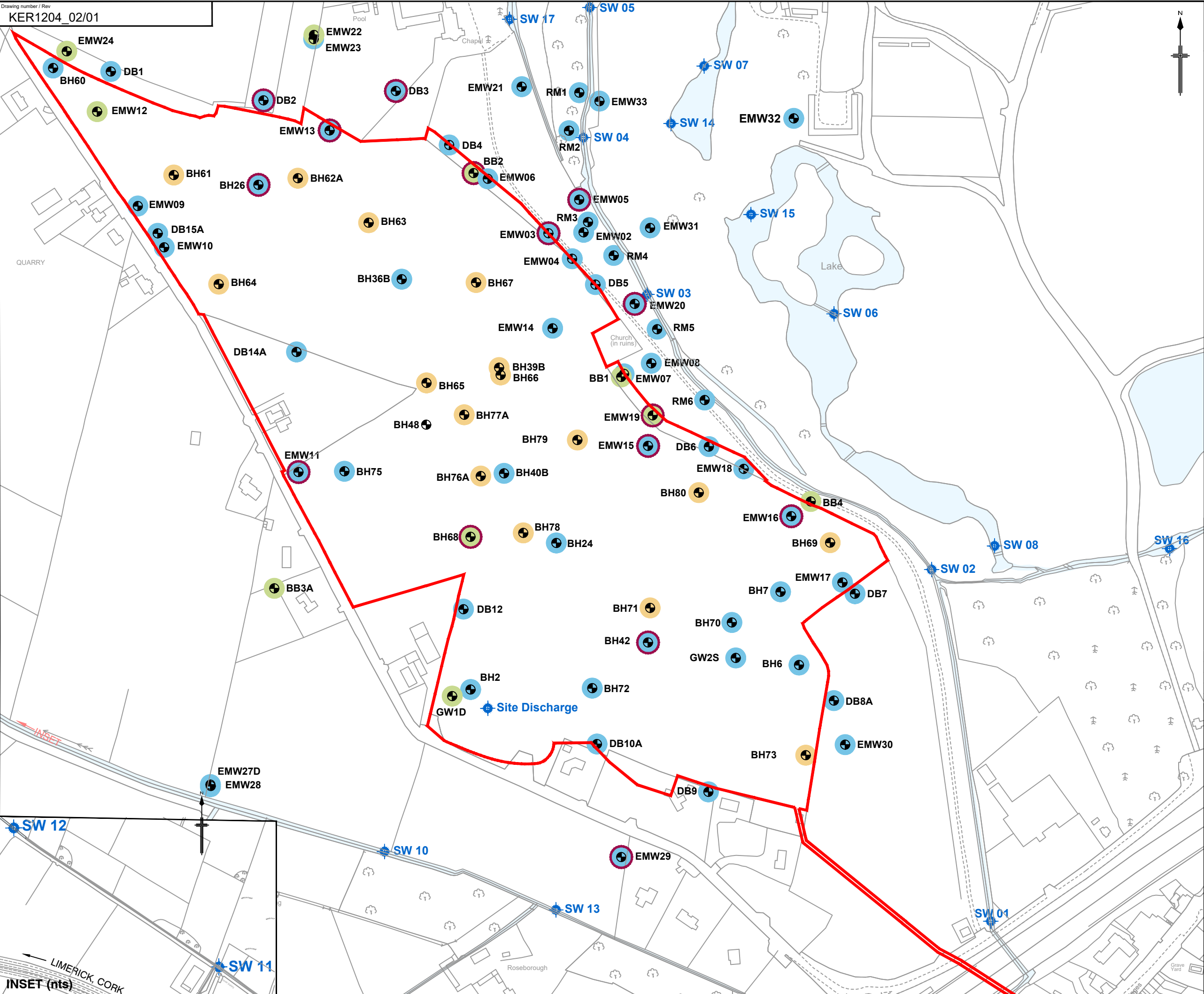
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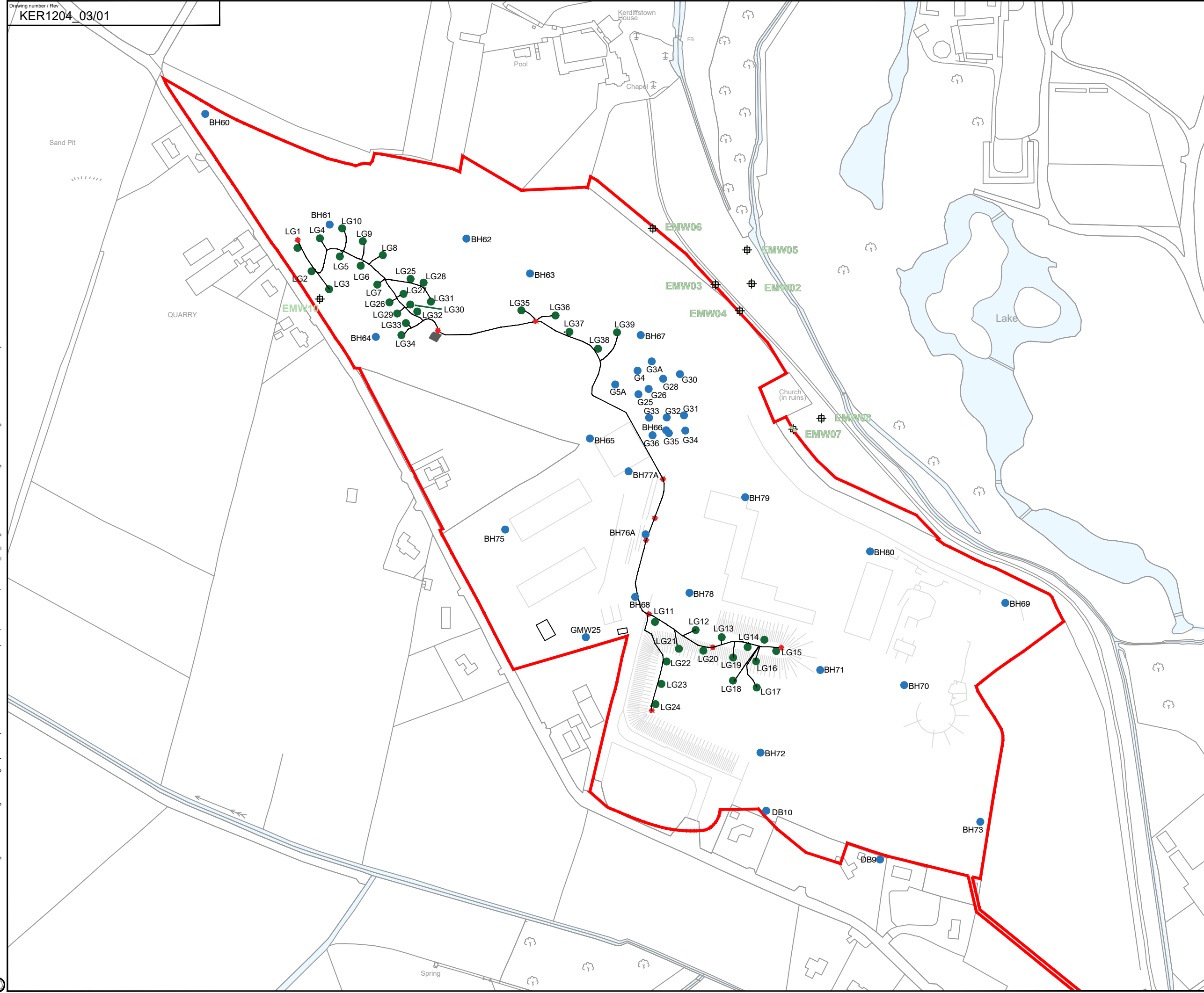


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**FIGURE 3B ONSITE LANDFILL GAS MONITORING LOCATIONS**

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  -  G3A Gas Well
  -  Condensate Pot
  -  Groundwater/Gas Monitoring Well



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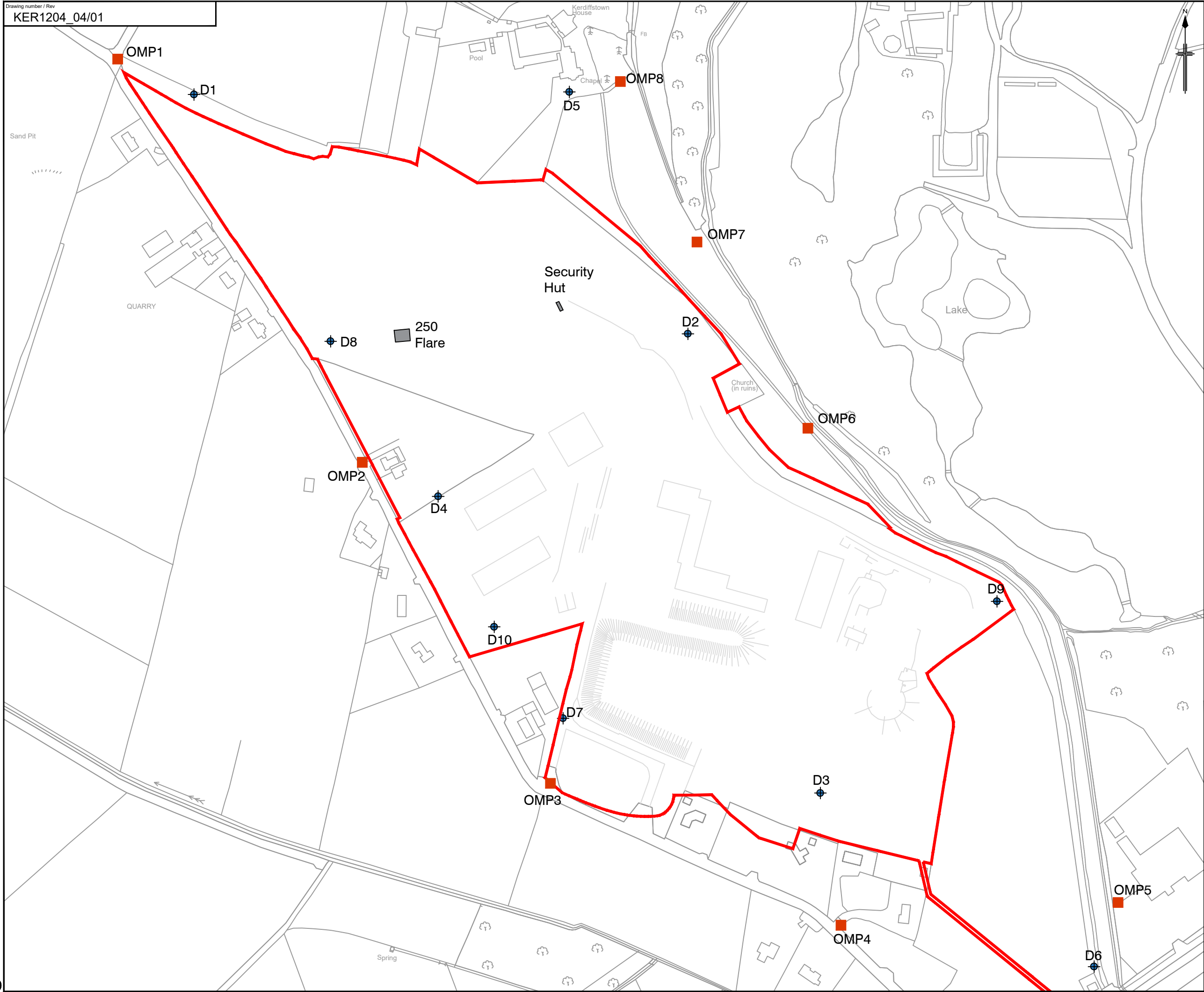
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**FIGURE 3C AIR / ODOUR / NOISE MONITORING LOCATIONS**


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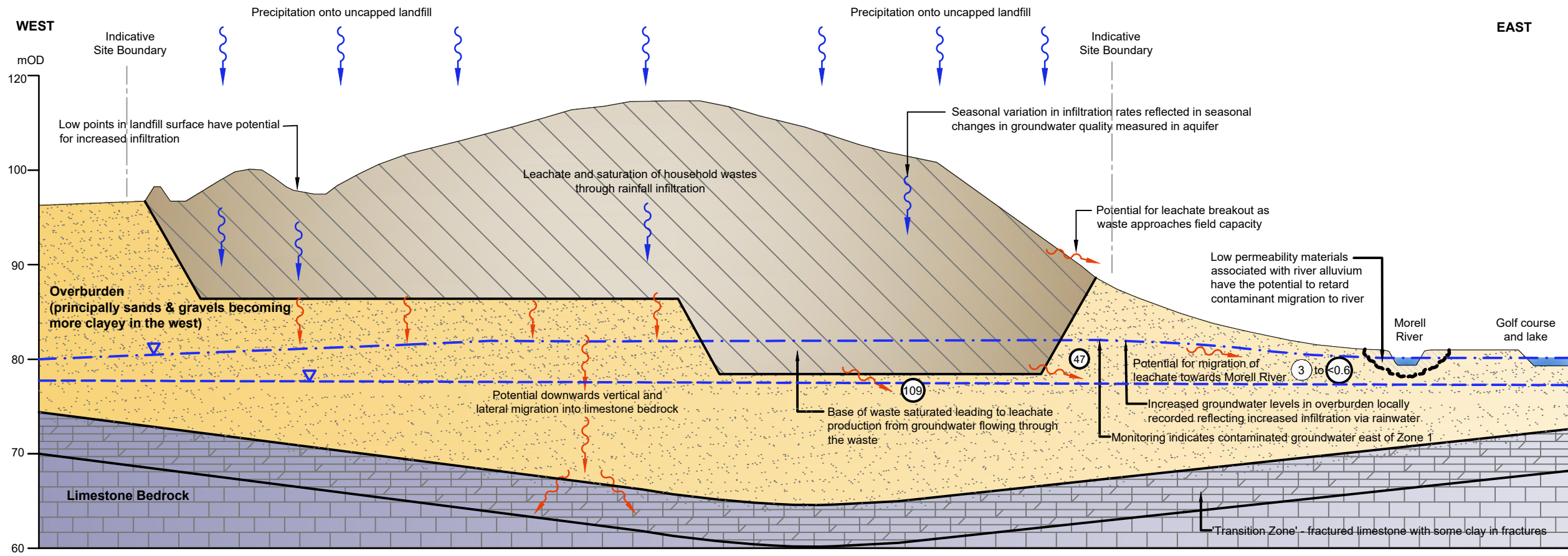
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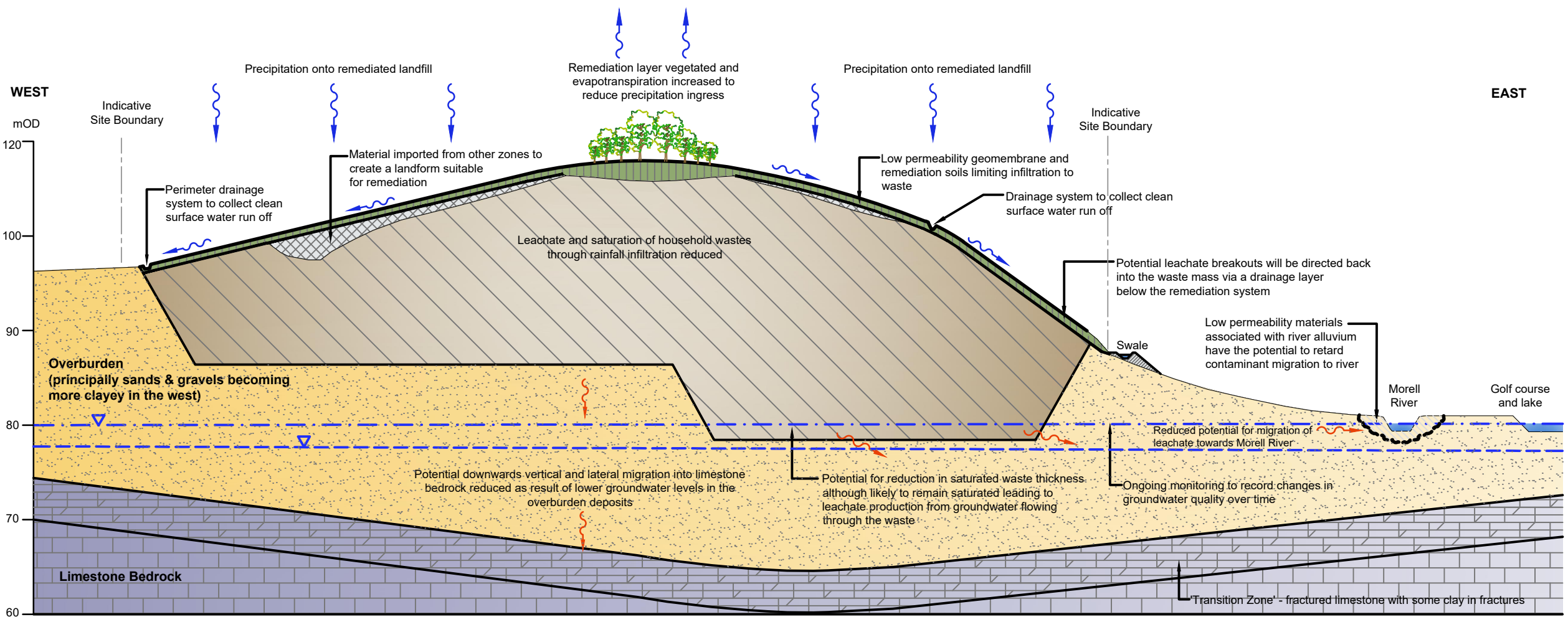


**FIGURE 4 CONCEPTUAL SITE MODELS (EIAR VERSIONS)**

Hydrogeology Conceptual Site Model (Zone 1)



**Groundwater Conceptual Site Model for Zone 1: Current Scenario**



**Groundwater Conceptual Site Model for Zone 1: Post Remediation**

- KEY:**
- Groundwater Level in the Overburden
  - Groundwater Head in the Limestone Bedrock
  - Migrating Leachate
  - Ammoniacal Nitrogen Concentration July 2016 (mg/l)

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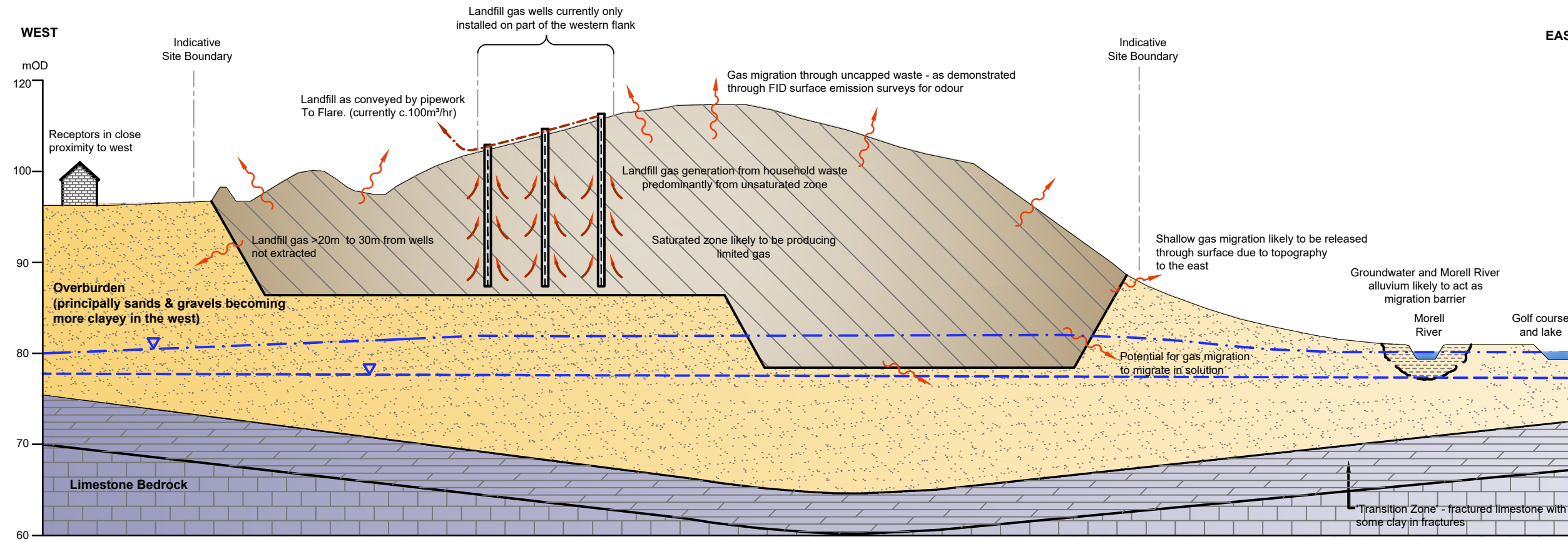
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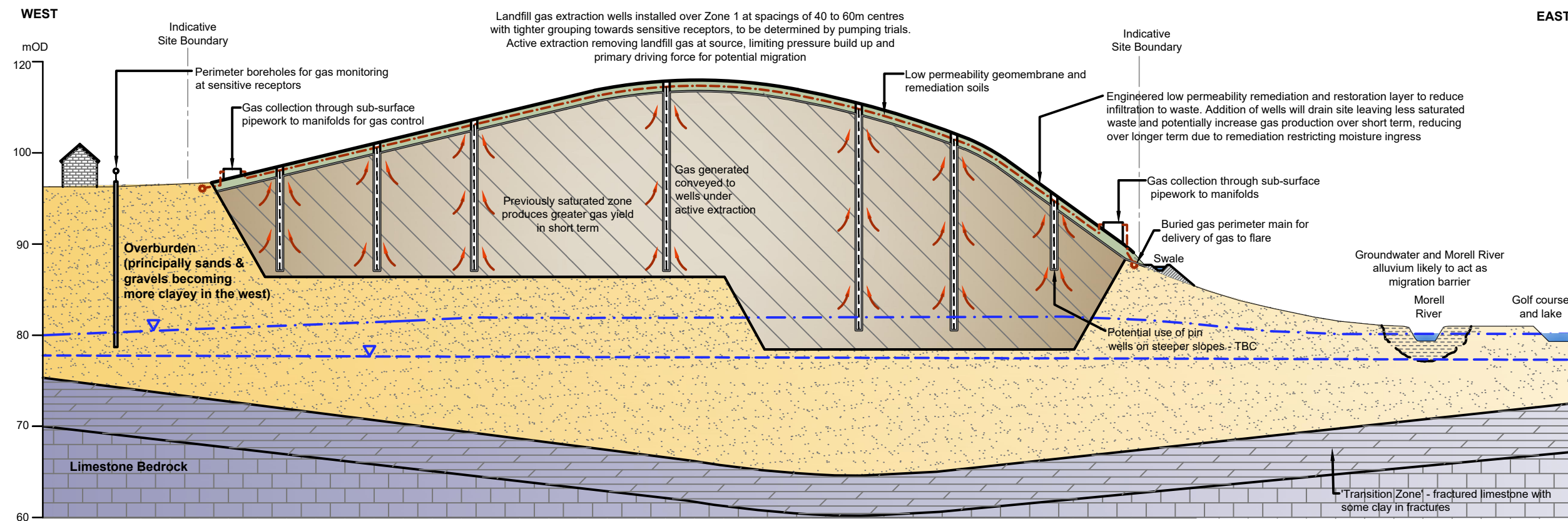
## Landfill Gas Management Conceptual Site Model (Zone 1)



**KEY:**

	Groundwater Level in the Overburden
	Groundwater Head in the Limestone Bedrock

**Gas Conceptual Site Model for Zone 1: Current Scenario**



**Gas Conceptual Site Model for Zone 1: Post Remediation**

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LANDFILL GAS MANAGEMENT  
CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL (ZONE 1)**

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