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**December 17, 2015:**

Having taken over the Kerdiffstown Landfill Remediation Project in April 2015, Kildare County Council has completed recruitment of its project team. A Senior Executive Scientist who has worked on the project for nearly 5 years has been seconded from the EPA and a Senior Executive Engineer, site manager, site technician and some administrative staff have also now been appointed. In the coming weeks Kildare County Council will also begin procurement of contractors for the demolition of derelict buildings on the site in early 2016. The condition of these buildings has deteriorated over time and must be removed to allow for future remediation of the site. Further updates will follow on this issue in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile the Council has been progressing the outline design and the applications for formal consents to undertake the remediation. A key element of these consent applications, and of finalising the remediation plans, will be the determination of the end-use for the site. Staff from Kildare County Council’s Remediation Project Team met with members of the Community Liaison Group on December 2nd, 2015 and with local elected members on December 15th, 2015 to update them on the condition of the site (stable), review site end-use options, and to outline plans for coming months. The full remediation of the site will be subject to an ‘Environmental Impact Assessment’ (EIA) that must be submitted to An Bórd Pleanála as part of a planning application. The EIA must also be submitted in an application to the Environmental Protection Agency for a licence to remediate the landfill.

The EIA must include plans for the end-use of the site, and so in order to identify a preferred end-use option, a public consultation will be undertaken in early 2016, based on an End-Use Options document that will be published by Kildare County Council in due course. The Project Team has been seeking input from the Community Liaison Group in preparation for this consultation, and the consultation will seek submissions from stakeholders and the wider community by providing a range of methods and opportunities for feedback in the New Year.

Kildare County Council is committed to the ongoing management of site and the Council will continue to update the project website www.kerdiffstonwncleanup.ie as matters progress. The Kerdiffstown Landfill remains under the supervision of the Kildare County Council, using powers available under Section 56 of the Waste Management Act. The site is managed on a day-to-day basis by a dedicated site manager, a team of security personnel, and other staff to control ‘leachate’ (the run-off water that percolates through the waste) and landfill gas. Kildare County Council will continue to issue community updates as remedial works on the site take place. For information about works at the site, go to www.kerdiffstowncleanup.ie.  
  
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