

Response from the Chair of the Environment Committee to S Morgan's written question:

"The Chalk Pit area is currently the base for two waste operators. The council has been heavily involved in monitoring for noise and dust from the site, including substantial monitoring from residential properties as well as wider monitoring in the local environment. Last year the council served an abatement notice in respect of noise nuisance originating from the particular trommel operated at that time by Skip It. Following the issuing of this abatement notice the council has been monitoring for compliance both proactively and in response to complaints. Since the source of the nuisance was the operation of that particular trommel, the monitoring has been in respect of that trommel and to date has not produced sufficient evidence of a breach of the abatement notice.

Noise more generally, including hours of operation, and from both Skip It and Reston's site activities are also regulated by Minerals and Waste planning controls enforced by Surrey County Council, and by the Environmental Permitting controls enforced by the Environment Agency. The council continues to work closely with both these regulatory services.

The provisions set out in s82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 remain available enabling any resident with evidence to substantiate statutory nuisance to take their own action in the local Magistrates' Court."