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Statement on reports of odour at Parkgate Farm, Purton

The purpose built open windrow composting site located at Parkgate Farm, Purton operated by Hills Waste Solutions is permitted to process up to 25,000 tonnes of green waste per annum and is currently treating approximately 8,000 tonnes on site.

Green waste collected from Wiltshire residents and household recycling centres is delivered to the site, shredded, then stacked in windrows and turned as necessary in line with best practice to aid the composting process, which takes up to 12 weeks. The height of the windrow stacks is restricted to 4 metres.

The company has been made aware of 3 complaints in the last 24 hours. The company takes the receipt of all complaints extremely seriously and whilst investigations take place the turning of material in windrows has been temporarily suspended.

The compost produced on site, known as 'Warrior Compost', has been certified to the BSI PAS 100 (2011) and the Compost Quality Protocol standard and accredited by both the Association for Organics Recycling and the Soil Association.

The site operates to independently certified ISO 9001 for Quality, ISO 14001 for Environment and OHSAS 18001 for Health and Safety.

Hills Waste Solutions holds regular liaison meetings with locally elected representatives and encourages members of the public with any concerns or complaints to make contact so that we can deal with them promptly. <http://www.hills-waste.co.uk/contact-us> END

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