

# Site Visit Report

The site visit process is a sample on a particular day of an installation's compliance with some of its licence conditions. Where non-compliance against a particular condition has not been reported, this should not be construed to mean that there is full compliance with that condition of the licence.

Instructions and actions arising from the visit shall be addressed, or where applicable noted, by the licensee in order to ensure compliance, to improve the environmental performance of the installation and to provide clarification on certain issues.

The licensee shall take the actions specified to close out the non-compliances and observations raised in this Site Visit Report.

The licensee may also be requested to provide a response to the Environmental Protection Agency (hereafter referred to as the Agency) in relation to the site visit report findings.

Licensee	
<b>Name of Installation</b>	John Ronan & Sons
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<b>Licence Register No.</b>	P0225-01
<b>CRO Number</b>	17270
<b>Site Address</b>	Dudley's Mills, Clonmel, Tipperary
<b>Site Visit Reference No.</b>	SV21793

Report Detail	
<b>Issue Date</b>	17/08/2021
<b>Prepared By</b>	Irene Doyle

Site Visit Detail			
<b>Date Of Inspection</b>	15/07/2021		
<b>Time In</b>	11:15	<b>Time Out</b>	13:00
<b>EPA Inspector(s)</b>	Irene Doyle		
<b>Additional Visitors</b>	Owen O'Mahony, Geoline Ltd.		
<b>Licensee Personnel and Role</b>	N/A		

## > Summary

The site conditions at Bawnard Landfill have become very overgrown which is causing a safety risk for contractor staff conducting maintenance and surveillance visits as the underlying ground condition cannot be assessed due to the heavy vegetation growth. The fencing has become damaged over time and large animals such as deer can access the site and there is evidence of this on the site. Animals this large could cause damage to the lagoon cover and to themselves if they fell into the lagoon. At the moment the lagoon cover is intact. Gas whales are in evidence which suggests water ingress from groundwater movements beneath the lagoon cover.

There was significant activity from motor industry businesses on the Dudley's Mills site. The impact from potential hydrocarbon spills should be given consideration and measures put in place to minimise the risk. Access to groundwater monitoring wells appeared to be intact.

## > Site Areas Inspected

The areas checked during this site visit included:

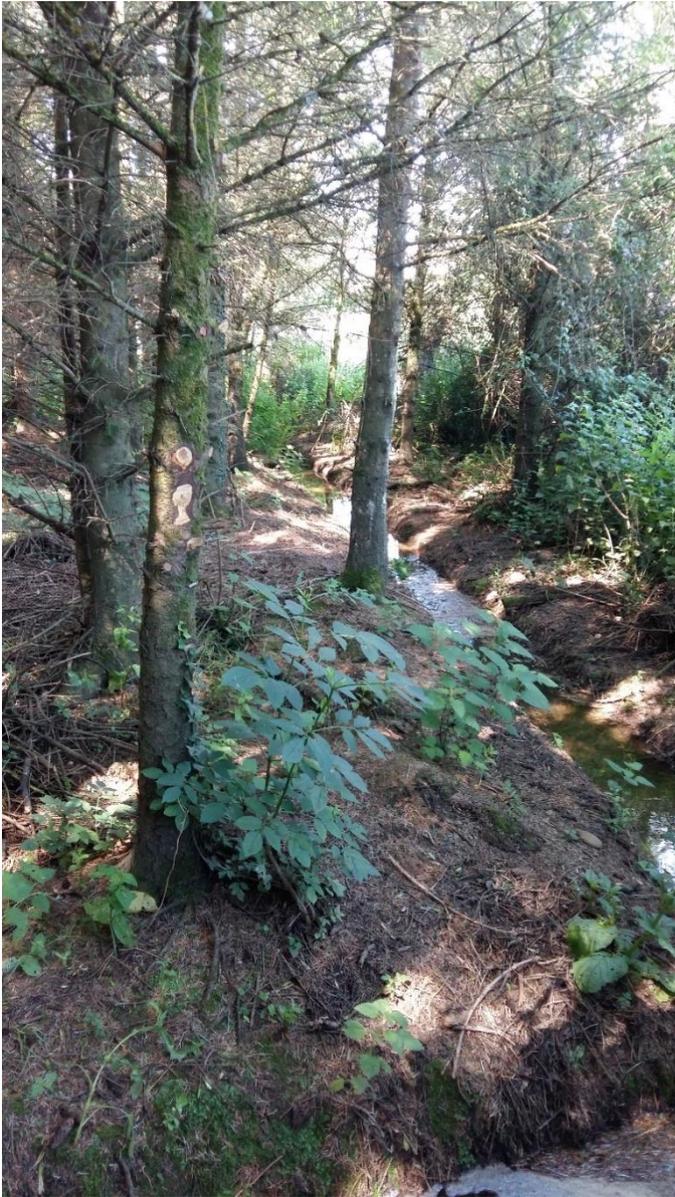
- Bawnard Landfill and associated discharge locations, general site conditions, lagoon liner and perimeter fencing
- Dudley's Mills general yard area and conditions

## > Documents Inspected

None



## Photographs



*Figure 1* Drainage channel



*Figure 2 Damaged fencing*



*Figure 3 Cleared drainage channel*



*Figure 4 Extent of drainage channel - past this view the channel is blocked*



*Figure 5 Overgrown vegetation hiding rubble and site debris making the site unsafe to walk around*

## **FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS**

The licensee is required to complete the actions outlined in this site visit report within the specified timeframes. Where required, the licensee shall also respond to actions specified in Compliance Investigations and/or submit a response to this site visit report via the EDEN system. The licensee shall maintain a documentary evidence, for review by the Agency, that the prescribed actions were completed within the required timeframe.

### **(i) Compliance Investigations**

The Agency may generate a Compliance Investigation through the EDEN system and issue instructions and actions to the licensee. The licensee will receive notification when an instruction or action is issued and the licensee must respond to the actions within the Compliance Investigation within the specified timeframe.

### **(ii) Response to Site Visit Report**

Where the licensee is requested to (or wishes to) respond to the Agency in relation to this site visit report, the licensee may select the 'Make a Response' link on the actions taken by the licensee to address the issues raised in this site visit report and the target completion dates. This Licensee Public Response provides the licensee with an opportunity to inform both the Agency and the public about the implementing of actions set out in the Agency site visit report. The response must be submitted **within 30 calendar days** of the issue date of this site visit report.

### **(iii) Publication of Reports**

The site visit report will be made available for public viewing via the Agency's Licence Enforcement Access Portal (LEAP), within one day of the issue date. The Site Visit Report and the Licensee Public Response will also be published on the Agency's website, [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie), 60 calendar days after the site visit report issue date (on the Licence Details Page for the relevant licence).

**Please note that licensees are required to comply with the conditions of the licence at all times, and where non-compliance occurs, compliance must be restored within the shortest possible time. These actions will be verified during subsequent Agency visits. Please quote the above Inspection Reference Number in any correspondence in relation this Report.**