

Dingwall Business Park Odour Issues Meeting
6 July 2011
Hebrides, SEPA, Dingwall
10:00-11:00

Present: John Macdonald Unit Manager, SEPA (JM)
 Lucy Gregson, EPO, SEPA (LG)
 Alan Kellock, Scottish Water (AL)
 Colin MacDonald, Edinburgh Smoked Salmon Company (CM)
 David Robinson, Wester Ross Fisheries (DR)
 Nick Thornton, Environmental health (NT)

Minutes: Kerry Lancaster, SEPA (KL)

	ACTION
<u>Overview of Issues</u>	
<p>The issues relating to Dingwall Business park have been ongoing for 6-8 years and there are several issues that are believed to be causing the odour issues at the Dingwall Business Park:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lorries are leaching contaminated water into the surface water drains. This is becoming concentrated due to the blocked drains then degrading causing the odour. The vehicles are being loaded outside company premises causing the leak of contaminated water from the Lorries into the drains instead of the company's treatment system. This is an issue as trade effluent entering the drains and then running untreated into the River Peffrey is unacceptable and an illegal act as this is not a licensed process. Edinburgh Smoked Salmon Company have only been loading the truck outside the compound for the last 6-8 weeks and as of Monday 11 July all of their trucks will be filled within their compound. Wester Ross Fisheries are loading the trucks outside of the company compound as their yard is not large enough to take articulated lorries. 2. The buildings that are built on the park are all fitted with durgo valves which trap the odour inside the building as they have no water vents. Therefore maintenance of the valves in the building may help relieve the issue. 3. The road gulleys along the business park need repaired/maintained as they are or have begun to collapse due to the volume of traffic. The drains need to be cleaned and then if there are other causes of the odour these can be pinpointed and then resolved. 	

<p><u>Future Plans</u></p> <p>Long term plans for the Fish factories are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edinburgh Smoked Salmon Company is to extend their premises and include a specific entrance with drainage and its own treatment plant. The gutting will be self contained. They will find out if planning permission has been granted by the end of the month. • Wester Ross Fisheries plans are to extend the premises so articulated lorries can be filled with their grounds, however no time line for this as yet. 	
<p><u>Action Points</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wester Ross Fisheries and Edinburgh Smoked Salmon Company to overlook and review procedures to see how they can minimise the loss of contaminated water from the trucks. CM/DR 2. Provide haulage details to LG for her to send a duty of care letter. CM/DR 3. Find out who has ownership/responsibility of the roads is it the Highland Council? NT 4. LG to issue letter to Ian Hays (Roads and Transport Highland Council) regarding drain cleaning and gulley repairs, NT to receive a cc. LG 5. LG to inform CM/DR of when the drains are to be cleaned so they can arrange for staff to park elsewhere. LG 6. SEPA to contact their facilities department to ensure the Durgo valves are being maintained in order to minimise the odour inside the building. JM 	