

## Colm Fraser

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**To:** Colm Fraser  
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Hi Lisa

No new conditions were officially placed on Whiteshore Cockles so the derogation to bury is still on-going. However, they did agree to operate to the conditions we discussed (i.e. no raised pits, pits to be covered overnight etc).

The fish dryer is still undergoing the approval process with SEPA for a Part A PPC permit. This is still the latest delay and dialogue between Whiteshores Cockles and SEPA is still going on. I have had recent correspondence from Whiteshore Cockles that they are trying to get it up and running for 1 November 2022 but we are still unsure if this will be agreed by SEPA.

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Good morning Ian,

Please see below complaint regarding the Whiteshores Cockles site in Bayhead, North Uist. Where are we with this? From your previous correspondence the current disposal plan was 'To end on 31/03/22', although it did say this was to be debated. I was under the impression that it would only be a few months until the new plant was operational, however those plans seem to have stalled with SEPA and so this surely can't go on indefinitely?

If you could respond to the complainant directly please, thanks.

Kind regards,

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Good Morning

Please see email below.

Kind regards

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I am writing to complain about the ongoing stench affecting Knockintorran and originating from the fish processing plant on the local machair.

We were advised this plant would not operate until new equipment was in situ to stop the stench. This is not the case as the factory is operational and we are regularly unable to open windows and doors for the stench of rotten fish blowing on the wind.

This has been going on for years and is obviously not resolved. The issue continues to affect residents on the west side of Uist and must have health implications for the local population as well as being detrimental to our ability to live normal and healthy outdoor lives.

The factory operates day and night over 7 days so there is no let up from this intrusion.

Please can you advise why this is being allowed to continue and what is being done about resolving this ongoing environmental health issue for local residents?

Yours sincerely,

Laura Beaton

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