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Dear Mr Freer

**Re: PB Donoghue waste disposal and skip hire**

Thank you for your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 regarding your concerns about the PB Donoghue waste site based in your constituency.

HSE's role in regulating waste sites is limited to addressing health and safety concerns in respect of those at work, and anyone who might be affected by that work, whilst the Environment Agency(EA) is responsible for enforcement of activities related to the waste management license, including the investigating statutory nuisances arising from activities such as dust and contamination.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 HSE was contacted by the Environment Agency (EA) raising concerns over access to machinery by employees and residents' concerns over dust emitted from the site, including levels of asbestos and toxic chemicals found in waste samples.

HSE inspectors subsequently visited the site to assess matters of machinery safety and dust control on site. Concerns arising from this visit included the management of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on site, structural integrity of some work areas, guarding of machinery, and the adequacy of planning work at height. A Notice of Contravention has been issued to the company, and P B Donoghue is working towards satisfactorily resolving these issues.

The inspectors also assessed measures in place to control exposure of employees to dust on site, and procedures for identifying and managing unexpected asbestos containing materials found in waste deliveries. Arrangements for the latter were found to be of a reasonable standard, although it was recommended that training should be expanded to include more staff and recorded.

I trust I have explained the HSE's role in regulating this site and how we are working with our fellow regulator to improve conditions for workers and the public affected by the activities on site.

Yours sincerely

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