Wednesday 23 July 2025

Dear Resident,

We're pleased to inform you that a closure order is now in place at the waste site at Bolton House Road.

Wigan Council, working with partners including the Environment Agency, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS), Greater Manchester Police (GMP), and United Utilities have brought forward this legal order which was granted by the Magistrates Court late last week.

This order closes the site and will ensure that no further waste can be dumped, the order is effective for a period of three months and can be extended. Three months is the maximum period that this type of order can initially be placed for.

The order covers the vehicle entrance and as much as possible of the wider site, to ensure that it cannot be accessed and we are working with GMFRS to place a physical barrier to the site in the coming days. This closure will be enforced by GMP, and any reports can be made to 101.

We are continuing to work with the Environment Agency on their ongoing investigation.

As part of their ongoing investigation, the Environment Agency has asked us to share evidence of alleged illegal activity on site. Residents can share information with the Environment Agency directly by calling their 24/7 incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60.

The site is now being regularly monitored to ensure it remains safe and any further environmental impacts can be quickly identified and dealt with.

We will continue to update our 'Frequently Asked Questions' with the latest information. Visit www.wigan.gov.uk and search 'Bolton House Road'.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Paul Barton, Director of Environment, Wigan Council.