

Pilsworth South Landfill, Pilsworth Road, Unsworth, Bury, BL9 8QZ.

Since we last wrote to you, in August 2025 explaining that the operator at Pilsworth South Landfill had notified us of their intentions to start accepting waste again in October 2025; we now have formal confirmation from them that the site will reopen on, or soon after, the 15th of October 2025.

We understand there may be concerns within the community regarding the odour pollution issues that led to the voluntary closure of the landfill for the past twenty months, whilst the site carried out extensive works to improve their operations to prevent and minimise the potential for odour pollution from the site.

Please be assured that the site is opening because all environmental and operational standards have been fully met. The site will continue to be closely monitored by the Environment Agency to ensure compliance with the conditions of their environmental permit and to ensure that the site does not cause pollution or harm to human health.

Mobile Monitoring Facility

The mobile monitoring facility, situated at a local primary school in Heywood, remains in place monitoring the ambient air quality. The initial 3-month study in 2024 during the site's voluntary closure period identified that there were no breaches of UK Air Quality Standards in the area. It has also provided a good base line of data against which we can now compare against the data collected once operations restart on the 15th of October 2025

Reporting pollution incidents

The Environment Agency provides a dedicated hotline to report environmental incidents. When members of the public use this hotline to report pollution, they will be asked a range of questions, pollution reports help us to understand the scale of the impact on a community and to prioritise resources accordingly.

Please report any pollution incidents by calling our incident hotline on:

0800 80 70 60

Or you can report odour pollution via our new online service using this link

Report a smell from a waste facility, industrial site or farm in England - [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk)

This route of reporting an incident is monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and we can assess the incident at the time of it happening.