

Environment Agency

Keeping You Informed

September 2024

Our role is to protect and improve the environment so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of a clean, safe and healthy place to live

We are responsible for protecting the environment by regulating waste storage, treatment, recovery, and disposal.

This briefing is to provide an update regarding a fire which started at Biowise Ltd, Albion Lane, Willerby on 24 August 2024.

Fire update

The fire was attended by Fire and Rescue Services and Environment Agency officers, who are continuing to work with Biowise to minimise the impact this incident may have on the environment and local community.

The fire is contained to a pile of green waste oversize material (large sized fraction of green waste) which is in the open. This is separate to the covered compost bays and machinery which have not been damaged by the fire. Biowise is following advice from the Fire and Rescue Services, which has been to isolate the smaller pile of burning material from other combustible sources and facilitate a controlled burn of this effected material. This is to keep further impacts to a minimum, however during this recovery period there may be some impacts in the local area from smoke emissions.

If you have been impacted as a result of smoke emissions from this incident you can report this to us on 0800 80 70 60.

The Environment Agency will continue liaising with the Fire Service and Biowise to ensure any impacts are managed in the most appropriate way. A follow up investigation into the suspected causes of the fire and the requirement for any necessary additional control measures will be carried out, we will update you regarding the outcome of that investigation.

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