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Mr [REDACTED]
Grange Landfill Limited
559 Carlisle Street East
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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Re: Grange Landfill Site, Droppingwell Road, Rotherham - Unauthorised Access on Council Land

My colleague, Polly Hamilton, wrote to you in November 2019 to remind you that there is no permission for vehicular access across any land owned by the Council, other than the direct route between Droppingwell Road and the entrance to the tip site. To date, the Council have not received any response to that letter.

The Council has subsequently received a number of further reports that you and your contractors have continued to use Council land, other than the direct route, to access the site. This includes unauthorised use of Council land as a 'turning circle' at the entrance to the site. Your use of our land in this way is causing significant damage to ground. There is no agreement for you to do so and this activity must therefore cease immediately.

In order to ensure that the activity does not take place in future, the Council will now be taking steps to prevent access to the unauthorised parts of its land through the placement of physical barriers. It is intended that the proposed barriers will be in place by mid-February 2020.

In addition to the above, the Council has also received a number of complaints about the safety of vehicle movements on the access road itself and, in particular, about the lack of operational measures or signage to ensure the safety of pedestrians accessing the Public Rights of Way and Millmoor Juniors Football Club. I would therefore ask you also to set out in writing what measures you might put in place to ensure that pedestrians are protected during operational hours and any potential operational restrictions you would consider to ensure that any risks presented by the movement of your vehicles are minimised.

The Council is aware of its responsibilities to enable access you and your contractors to the site, but we must seek to balance this with our duty of care to other users of our land and to ensure this access does not present a risk to residents.

As always, we are willing to meet to discuss the issues above. If you feel it would be useful to do so, prior to our work taking place on site, please contact me directly.

Either way, I would ask that you respond formally to this letter by Monday 3rd February.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Tom Smith

Assistant Director for Community Safety and Street Scene

CC: Cllr Emma Hoddinott, Cabinet Member for Waste, Roads and Community Safety
Sharon Kemp, Chief Executive, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
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