

16th May 2025

Tiverton Sewerage Treatment Works - Odour

Dear David,

I promised to further review the odour issue that was raised at the recent Mid Devon District Council Scrutiny and Overview Committee.

I visited the site on 13 May where I met with our Waste Water Area Manager. We discussed the operational aspect of the site where it was explained that Tiverton is used as a sludge recycling centre. Sludge is the byproduct of the sewage treatment process and is in simple terms the solid material that is left after the sewage has been treated. The sludge is required to be treated to a certain standard to ensure it meets the requirements to be used in agriculture as a soil conditioner and/or fertilizer for crops. There are occasions when the amount of sludge held on site increases because we take material in from other sewage treatment sites for further processing. When I was on site on 13 May I could not smell any issues. Even within 3 metres of the sludge holding facility there was a limited smell.

I have also been informed that we have had limited direct contacts regarding odour. That's not to say odour issues do not occur.

At s stage we will keep the current operational aspect under review as we are awaiting a wider sludge strategy to be considered.

If for any reason the odours do persist for any period of time and you are made aware please do contact me on the council enquiries email address.

Kind regards

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