



Public Question – Full Council Thursday 12 September 2024

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The following question is to Councillor Roger Berry as Member of the LGA Special Interest Group (or Councillor Michael Vincent as leader of WBC).

Wyre Borough Council is a member of the LGA Coastal SIG and Coastal Group Network. One of the priorities of this group is Coastal Landfills and recognises “the devastating impacts of coastal erosion, flooding and pollution across our coastline, however, there has been little acknowledgement of the “hidden silent ticking time bombs” that coastal landfill sites present.”

Jameson Road Landfill site was built on a salt marsh and was originally a “dilute and disperse” landfill partly built upon the balancing ponds of the local ICI chemical factory. It is an ageing site of over 50 years which lies immediately on the banks of the tidal River Wyre. It is classed as a coastal landfill site.

Climate change is anticipated to cause higher sea levels, resulting in increased saline intrusion into estuaries, more frequent and intense storm events, higher storm surges and increased coastal flooding. Thus, endangering the coastal landfill sites and risking increasing the pollution of the River Wyre Estuary area with both organic and inorganic contaminants.

1. I would like to ask Wyre Borough Council what engagement Councillor Berry and Wyre Borough Council have had with this group and for how long including how many meetings has Councillor Berry attended and if not why not, has Wyre Borough Council actively engaged with any of their activities and what WBC plans are with the future with respect to membership of this group?