



Smells from Yorkshire Water Treatment Works, Saltend

Supplementary Information:

The Online Petition was signed by 1,034 people. 1,371 people signed on paper copies giving a grand total of **2,405 signatories**.

In addition to the petition, a **Wall of Shame** was created upon which people were asked to describe their experiences of the smells. 118 individual comments were posted, of which:

- 20 people said that the smells made you feel sick or affected your health, breathing or eyes.
- 13 people described the smells as "DISGUSTING".
- 13 people said that the smells had either spoilt their summer, enjoyment of the garden, or ruined their barbecue.
- 12 people commented with the words "IT STINKS".



The following are typical comments:

"It makes me feel sick" Grace

"I can't bear it much more, the smell wakes me up, has made me vomit, given me headaches, and it is so unpleasant. They need to do something about it now, and give everyone compensation for loss of freedom of going outside, or having windows open." Virginia Hall

"So embarrassing when friends from outside the city visit and the whole house reeks of raw sewage." Shirley Wildman

"It turns my stomach. I have to keep a can of air freshener in the car. It's 2011 for goodness sake, not 1811, get your act together." PM Sibley

"Summer sitting outside ruined by the smells.. Get it sorted!" Sally

Health Concerns:

Campaigners have also been sent some anecdotal evidence about affects on health of the smells. Included are these comments from Rena McArthy:

"The condition I have means that my lungs don't exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide normally and thus I use an inhaler daily which opens up my airways permanently in order that I may breathe in sufficient oxygen. Unfortunately this means that my lungs are susceptible to irritation by any fumes in the air such as chemical smells from oil paint, vehicle fumes, etc (and also in Yorkshire sewerage). This sets off a bout of unstoppable coughing where I can't get my breath (because my lungs are trying to rid themselves of something obnoxious) and as I only have 75% of oxygen in my blood anyway I am soon deprived of oxygen and am reduced to gasping to survive in between the coughing.

Anything that irritates my lungs sets off a process which instantly produces thick (protective) mucus which blocks my nasal passage, throat & other airways - the body involuntary tries to cough this up too. We asthmatics are also given another inhaler to use which basically gives strength to bronchial muscles which we are only to use occasionally if we get chest pains when we should seek medical help - but I defy anyone undergoing a bad reaction to that sewage smell not to take what one might think is a life saving puff."

Most of the material available here is available – or will be available – to view at the Hedon Blog at www.hedonblog.co.uk

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