The site owners have not provided the Council with the results of the intrusive site survey work completed in Feb 2017.

The Council welcomes Tony Lloyd MP’s approach to the site owners to attempt to get the information disseminated.

All concerns raised by residents continue to be reported to the site owner’s representatives.

Recent issues are:

1. Damaged gate – site owner rep confirmed the gates were welded together with concrete blocks at the rear to prevent them being opened
2. Scrambling on site – site owners informed they have been monitoring the situation and confirmed in June that no-one had been on site
3. Undercutting of river bank due to erosion – concerns passed to EA and site owners representatives
4. Concerns of asbestos contamination due to high rainfall and raised levels in river Spodden – concerns passed to EA and site owners representatives
5. EA prosecution case for the illegal fly-tipping on site – trial adjourned until January 2020
6. Leaking water supply pipe on Spod Road - United Utilities are aware of the issue and will be undertaking repair works imminently. (The work may have been completed by the time of the meeting)

In relation to points 3 & 4 above;

EA reps visited site in November 2018 which identified some areas of erosion, the EA confirmed the landowner is responsible for repairs of the riverbank, the floods in early 2019 resulted in further erosion which led to action being taken by the land owner, detailed below.

The site owners have arranged civil engineering contractors to visit the site and scope out the work required to stabilise the river bank. Costings are being developed. It is not known if the site owner has chosen a contractor and commissioned work to begin.

The Council will continue to make public information and details about the site via the Council’s web;