

**Community Services**

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Dear [REDACTED]

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990  
ALLEGED NUISANCE – ODOUR**

**A B PRODUCE, ENTERPRISE HOUSE, REPTON ROAD, MEASHAM**

Further to your complaint in relation to odour emanating from the land adjoining the above premises, I can confirm that North West Leicestershire District Council have been working closely with A B Produce to try to resolve the matter.

Over the last 4 months A B Produce have installed and fully commissioned a new dewatering plant which has represented significant further expenditure for the company in its waste management systems. This revised system is designed to remove more solids from the used water which goes to the lagoons. The less solids going to the lagoons will mean there is less matter to decompose and potentially cause an odour problem.

Also, due to the current wet weather conditions, more water than usual has had to be stored in the lagoons as the capacity for utilising the lagoon water for land enrichment has been severely restricted.

The company have plans to carry out further work to try to eliminate the odour problem and do have the appropriate permission in place for these works however the works cannot be undertaken until after the harvest and the surrounding land is less sodden. The company is committed to keeping both the Environment Agency and local community fully informed of the positive steps being taken to protect and improve the environment surrounding its premises in Measham.

A B Produce are mindful of their environmental responsibilities to the local community and continue to do everything within their control to minimise the impact on local residents. Water treatment and waste management generally, remain a high priority for the company and clearly evidenced by their ongoing investment programme in this area.

I would like to reassure you that the odour does not have any health implications and appreciate that the odour may be strong and unpleasant at times. The Council will continue to follow up this matter and update you as further information is received. I would also like to thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Yours sincerely



**Minna Haines  
Environmental Health Officer**