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I strongly suspect that Surrey's biggest (and longest running) illegal waste site), which @SurreyWaste is trying to get shut down, contains drums of polychlorinated biphenyls - highly toxic, persistent and bad news all round.



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Replying to @SurreyWaste @HelenVi00175623 and 6 others

Zooming in on to one of the barrels, it appears to say INSULATING OIL. I cannot make out the rest. There is a strong possibility that means PCBs - horribly toxic and long-banned. That is seriously bad news. I will notify @EnvAgencySE directly.



Residents Question Full council meeting 5th October 2021

The Truth

You have all been misled by James Whiteman, Joss Bigmore and James Steel. During my allocated time

I will elaborate but for now this is a summary and can be fully verified.

1. Pirbright residents are very concerned about all contamination and pollution But ESPECIALLY the potential toxic waste leaking from the old dump.
2. Renowned Environmental expert Gareth Simkins is not satisfied with the Environment Agency's "visual" assessment of Stoney Castle. He said water and soil samples need to be taken ASAP.
3. GBC, SCC and EA have had the details of the landowner of the old dump for over 33 years but refused to take legal action.
4. Since 2009 GBC, SCC and EA have had the details of the people occupying Stoney Castle and illegal dumping waste but refused to take legal action.
5. Robin Hill does not own the Old dump at Stoney castle. He owns the land next door which only has about 5% of the waste which has been dumped by the occupiers (who agencies have details of since 09)
6. GBC are aware that the Powers of Attorney ACT 1971 allows me to sign paperwork and make decisions relating to my dad's assets which are in his best interest. It does not make me legally responsible for the land.

BACKGROUND

The history of illegal waste dumping has been well documented in the Surrey Advertiser and Guildford Dragon. With this question I will be concentrating on the barrels of PCB (toxic waste)

19 June 2021 - Environmental Expert Gareth Simkins - sent email to Environment Agency " I have been aware for some time about the saga of the [Stoney Castle illegal waste site](#), between Farnborough and Woking. I saw a [tweet](#) a moment ago from campaigners seeking to have the site shut down and cleaned up, featuring a picture of chemical drums there. One (if you turn it upside down) appears to say '[INSULATING OIL](#)'. To my mind, that means PCBs - formerly used in electrical transformers but banned for many years. If I am right, and if this was not known already, I think the importance of resolving the matter of Stoney Castle has just leapt up. I look forward to hearing back from you all as soon as possible."

24th June 2021 Daniel Hill email to James Whiteman MD - "Hi James, Can you please tell me what is happening about the toxic waste"

26th June 2021 Daniel Hill email to James Whiteman MD - "I had an email last week from a guy called Gareth Simkins. Who said Toxic waste has been found on the site. Not only that everyone on Twitter is talking about it."

28th June 2021 James Whiteman MD email to Daniel Hill "Thank you for your email. There is nothing further to add I'm afraid."

28th June 2021 Daniel Hill to James Whiteman MD - Hi James, Is this a joke what do you mean there's nothing further to add. You the managing director of Guildford Council. I want to know what you are doing about the toxic waste on my dads land."

4th August 2021 Daniel Hill email to James Whiteman and others " I've been contacted by a number of local residents who are very concerned about the potential toxic waste at Stoney Castle. People keep asking me for updates as they seem to be under the impression my power of Attorney means I have control of the site. Which we both know isn't correct. I have told everyone I don't have any control over the site. And they should be talking to you and GBC for updates. I have told the residents I have spoken to the site isn't safe and they should not be going there taking samples or videos. Can you please ask residents to stop contacting me about the site. It's not my job to keep residents safe that is your job.

5th August 2021 Guildford Borough Council press release

"3,000 litres of unidentified liquids including oils and fuels from Stoney Castle in Pirbright"

"Cllr James Steel, says: We will continue to work with Surrey County Council and the Environment Agency. After listening to residents' concerns about claims of toxic waste, we will be supporting the Environment Agency as they test the nearby canal and stream for any contamination caused by the illegal waste on site, as is their responsibility."

6th August 2021 Daniel Hill email to James Whiteman and others "I was given a very detailed description of the area concerning the local residents. Which are the fields directly next to the site. It wasn't initially obvious but when I moved the grass away with my foot I

could see the soil was very oily. The fact residents are now asking me for updates instead of you their elected representative shows how bad the communication has become. Can you please give me some time scales as when we can expect some results."

10th August 2021 Environmental Expert Gareth Simkins tweet "I am increasingly concerned about how the waste was removed from Stoney Castle and what has happened to it - particularly those barrels of insulating oil."

10th August 2021 Environmental expert Gareth Simkins tweet "It is becoming apparent that this was not exactly the best managed of operations. But I must give [@GuildfordBC](#) the benefit of the doubt for the moment"

3rd September 2021 Environmental expert Gareth Simkins tweet " I am on the case about the fate of the suspected barrels of PCBs I identified at the Stoney Castle waste site, after it was cleared a few weeks ago. I am very concerned that it may not have been dealt with properly. "

8th September 2021 Ian Doyle "We emailed the EA on Monday and I also phoned one of the EA team to discuss this issue. It is clear from both email responses and verbal discussion that the EA have no intention of carrying out testing of the watercourse."

"The EA stated they carried out a visual assessment of the site on 28 July 2021. They concluded the site did not present a significant risk to the environment. They have not taken any samples or carried out any analysis, so there is no data to share."

QUESTION

Investigation is required on so many aspects of Stoney Castle however I am hopeful that now counsellors have full information they will begin to scrutinise what has happened.

Q: Can Guildford Borough Council give a FULL DETAILED timeline/report of what happened to the barrels of PCB (toxic waste) removed from Stoney Castle during the recent GBC enforcement action.

Please begin with the date GBC were 1st made aware. To include decision makers and the procedure that identifies why GBC removed Hazardous "WASTE" from Stoney Castle when they only had enforcement powers to remove NON-WASTE.

Please include legally required copies of the waste transfer notes to confirm the barrels were correctly categorised and correctly disposed of. FYI Included is a screenshot (more



evidence held) of said Toxic barrels on July 20th 21 During the clearing which were not present the day cleanup finished.
The timeline and evidence provided will be assessed by a 3rd party to corroborate if it is the truth.