

Notice: L39 0EE, Mr J and Mr S Hurst: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Mr J and Mr S Hurst
 - Installation name: Brookfield House and Lower End Poultry Farm
 - Permit number: EPR/AP3036MK
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Notice: TS2 1RZ, Stobart Biomass Products Limited: environmental permit issued

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This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Stobart Biomass Products Limited
 - Installation name: Port Clarence Biomass Processing Plant
 - Permit number: EPR/KP3031YD/A001
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Press release: Supporting flooded communities in Sparkhill and Selly Park

People living and working in Sparkhill and Selly Park are invited to meet the Environment Agency, Birmingham City Council and National Flood Forum teams working to support flooded communities in the West Midlands.

Following extreme rainfall across the region, communities in Sparkhill and Selly Park were badly affected by flooding.

The Environment Agency is working alongside Birmingham City Council and the National Flood Forum to support these communities, investigate the causes of flooding and identify what could be done to reduce flood risk in the area in the future.

A series of drop-in events are being hosted over the coming fortnight (6 to 12 June 2018) to give local people the opportunity to speak to the teams involved.

Emma Smailes, from the Environment Agency said:

Our thoughts are with those who have been affected by recent flooding. We're continuing to work in the communities affected and our teams are working round the clock to monitor flood risk, issue flood alerts and warnings and keep waterways clear of debris.

We want to meet local people so they can share their experiences with us, ask us questions and so that we can work together to investigate what happened and identify ways of reducing flood risk in the future.

The drop-in events are planned for the following times and locations:

For people affected in Selly Park the National Flood Forum and Environment Agency will be around to talk to members of the public on the following dates:

- Wednesday 6 June 2018, 2pm to 8pm
- Thursday 7 June 2018, 2pm to 8pm

at

Selly Park Tavern Car Park

592 Pershore Rd

B29 7HQ

For people affected in Sparkhill the National Flood Forum, Birmingham City Council and Environment Agency will be available to talk to members of the public on the following dates:

- Monday 11 June 2018, 2pm to 8pm
- Tuesday 12 June 2018, 2pm to 8pm

Percy Road Park

Press release: Foreign Secretary calls on tech sector to help endangered species

Today, Monday 4 June, the Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson has brought together leading technology companies together with conservationists to develop new and innovative ways to combat the illegal wildlife trade.

Experts from companies including Google, Amazon Web Services, Cisco and Dimension Data, as well as umbrella body, TechUK and government technology experts from Catapult centres heard what challenges the conservation sector is facing as it combats the illegal wildlife trade, which is worth up to £17 billion a year globally, and is a highly organised, sophisticated criminal industry. The Minister for the Illegal Wildlife Trade, Mark Field, co-chaired the event.

This meeting is the first in a series that will take place throughout the summer in the run up to the [London 2018 Illegal Wildlife Trade Conference](#) in October. Further workshops will bring experts and conservationists together to deliver technological solutions to combat poaching, make it easier to identify illegal wildlife products at borders or to spot animals in danger in the field.

Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said:

I've just come back from the Amazon, one of Earth's natural wonders, where both animals and people are suffering at the hands of criminals who are committing horrible wildlife crimes. What I saw has only sharpened my determination to combat the blight of the illegal wildlife trade.

I want to make sure we're using all the great talent we have available to us to fight this problem, so I'm calling on our finest technological brains to help us in the battle to save some of the world's most endangered species.

TechUK's CEO Julian David said:

Whether it is blockchain to support supply chain transparency and

assurance or drones, satellites and the internet of things-enabled solutions to monitor activity in national parks and areas of high scientific interest, new tech is revolutionising conservation across the world. techUK and its members are excited to work with the FCO on a sector led approach to combating illegal wildlife crime.

Last month, the government published its Ivory Bill which, when passed, will be one of the toughest bans on ivory sales in the world.

Full list of attendees

- Foreign Secretary, Boris Johnson
- Minister of State, Mark Field
- TechUK
- Google
- Amazon Web Services
- Cisco Alliance Dimension Data
- Satellite Applications Catapult
- Digital Catapult
- The Royal Foundation
- Zoological Society of London

Further information

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