

Title:	Fumes in Bramley High Street
Description	Many people have reported diesel/petrol/fuel fumes
Owner:	TBD
Area:	Not set
Status	BVS to determine ownership
Last Updated:	01/09/2022

Actions

Date	Action by	Action/Event
07/02/2023	BVS	Complaint sent to Waverley, and forwarded to BPC.
01/03/2023	BVS	Whilst Waverley are investigating, to date no result.

Details:

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Sent: 07 February 2023 11:27

To: environmentalhealth@waverley.gov.uk

Cc: ENQUIRIES@JOLLYFARMER.CO.UK

Subject: Diesel Fumes in Bramley

Hi,

For the last week or more, there has been a smell of diesel in the Bramley High Street. I believe this was originally reported by Openreach when their engineers were trying to work in the BT ducts on the High Street by Holy Trinity Church. On visiting the Jolly Farmer Pub last Saturday, the smell in the pub was to say the least unpleasant, and apparently far worse in the pub cellars. The landlord said he has tried to report the issue but has had no success in finding someone to take action so far. A number of customers have had to leave the pub as they were unable to cope with the fumes, so the pub is losing business. The smell is also evident further down the High Street opposite Windrush Close.

Whilst currently unproven, the most likely source of the diesel leak is the Coop Service Station at the junction of the A281 and Station Road. The Service station manager has denied any responsibility.

The DOE state that:

Councils must look into complaints about smells from industrial, trade and business premises that could be a 'statutory nuisance' (covered by the [Environmental Protection Act 1990](#)). For the smell to count as a statutory nuisance it must do one of the following:

- *unreasonably and substantially interfere with the use or enjoyment of a home or other premises*

- *injure health or be likely to injure health*

Given that the diesel fumes are interfering with the Jolly Farmer's business and that according to National Health England "*breathing in diesel fumes may cause dizziness, drowsiness headaches; breathing in large amounts can result in coma, loss of muscle control, heart and lung problems*", please would you advise on what action is being taken to urgently correct the problem.

Regards

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