L19 NEWS UPDATE - June 2025

Peloton Plan Blocked

The plan to build a massive new container storage depot in the heart of a community already suffering some of the worst respiratory disease rates in the country has been stopped.

The mobilisation of local people - 20 spoke at two planning meetings, plus a loud and vocal presence for a Councillor's site visit, and over 1800 objections to the plan - made Liverpool City Council think again.

Gary Woollam, speaking for the L19 Action Group said “We’re getting stronger and it’s great that the hard work and solidarity of local people was rewarded. This is not just a victory for Garston, its a victory for the whole of South Liverpool, because what happens in Garston affects all of us.”



This success emboldens our resolve to remove Veolia from the neighbourhood. We believe that Liverpool City Council approved Veolia's plans without fully understanding the health implications for L19.

The Big Stink - Chemical smells & noise pollution

On the 3 June many Garston residents started to report strong acrid smells in the air that lasted for several days. On the evening of 4 June loud alarm bells rang out from Veolia's toxic chemical waste plant nearby and the noise continued through the night until the following morning. This was not the first time that foul chemical odours have been reported in L19.

But Liverpool’s Environmental Health Officer denied that smells had come from Veolia, and said no further investigations would be made to locate the source of these unhealthy lingering bad smells!

The L19 Action Group are continuing to pursue these pollution makers.

Get ready for another scrap

GB Europe/Uniserve want to build a massive warehouse on the Estuary Business Park. Operating 24 hours a day, with thousands of vehicle visits to its 118 loading bays will bring more pollution for our streets.

A new opening on Banks Road/Blackburne Street is the most worrying aspect of this application, as it presents significant and unacceptable risks to public safety, local infrastructure, and the well-being of our community.

To object contact: planning@liverpool.gov.uk quoting application 24f/2752 - GB Europe.

Further info on the slap.org.uk website.

“Veolia Watch”

We need to build up evidence of the environmental problems surrounding this plant. We are also asking people to keep an 'Incident Log’. **Overleaf is a form for you to use. Please record problems and return the form to us at** L19smelly@gmail.com

You can obtain more copies of the form from our website: slap.org.uk

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The **L19 Action Group** along with **Garston Community United** are campaigning to protect the health of our families, friends, neighbours and the community.