

Smoke Complaint - 22.12.2013

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At about 07.00hrs EST this morning my wife first noticed the smell of smoke and could see it in the air.

At about 08.00hrs it had become really strong and could be smelt in our house and was blue everywhere outside.

I went looking for the source and found it to be at #4 Alpine Crescent, Grindelwald.

The weather was heavy and light rain was falling at the time. The wind was blowing from the south slowly in the direction between N/W and N/E.

As directed by the EPA in earlier correspondence I approached the owner whom I have met before and asked him to please stop the smoke as it was in our house and making me ill.

He said he would, but felt it was wrong because he sees lots of others burning. I told him I do not burn but take our green waste to the Exeter green waste station 10 minutes away.

I noticed he had a lot of very freshly cut green waste on the ground that he was feeding onto the fire. It appeared not to have come as a result of fire mitigation but from appearance trimmings.

Later on this morning the owner came over to apologise but still felt aggrieved. I invited him in because the smoke at the open door was harmful. He did apologise and I accepted his apology when he said he would not do it again.

The smoke smell is still out there as I write this; it has not completely stopped/disappeared.

Although I had a respirator mask on inside the house for some time, and out of the house, my eyes are still stinging, my nose is burning, and my eyes are itchy.

I have commenced medication to try and ward off further health effects.

Photo 5a is looking southerly up towards the smoke source from their entrance, and 10a is looking northerly towards our place from their place.



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