



Company overview

Odournet UK Ltd is a specialist consultancy which provides independent, high quality advice covering environmental odour and air quality issues.

The company is part of the Odournet group which is recognised as a world leader in odour and air quality consultancy. Established in 1980, Odournet has a proven track record and over 30 years of experience providing services to the private and public sector.

Our experience encompasses several thousand individual studies, with several hundred studies conducted each year.



Clients and quality

Odournet's clients are drawn from a wide range of sectors which include industrial operators, utility companies, food manufacturers, commercial kitchens, energy from waste facilities, waste management and housing developers.

Quality and first class customer service is core to our values.

We tailor all of our services to our specific client needs using highly experienced staff to achieve cost effective and robust solutions. All of our activities are conducted in accordance with ISO9001 certified procedures.

A wide range of our sampling and analysis services are also accredited by UKAS (UKAS laboratory No. 2430) and to the Environment Agency's MCERTS scheme.





Overview of services

Our services cover all odour and air quality related issues including:

- ◆ Air quality & odour impact assessments to support planning, EIAs and permitting.
- ◆ Odour nuisance investigations.
- ◆ Odour surveys and odour emission testing.
- ◆ Molecular and sensory odour analysis.
- ◆ Bio-aerosol emission monitoring.
- ◆ Control and management advice.
- ◆ Expert witness.
- ◆ Training.

Further details are provided in our service directories below.



Locations and coverage

Odournet UK Ltd offices are strategically located in Bristol and Manchester and offer coverage to clients across the UK and Ireland.

As part of a larger group, with offices located across Europe, South America and Asia and with connections to a wider network of international institutions we are also fully equipped to provide truly global advice.

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Consultancy Services

Impact assessment and problem diagnosis

Odour and health impact assessments	Risk based and quantitative (dispersion) modelling assessments for planning, permitting, nuisance investigation and evaluation of control techniques.
Air quality assessments	Screening and detailed dispersion modelling studies to assess air quality impacts of new developments and existing industrial, agricultural and commercial activities.
Odour and pollutant dispersion modelling	Specialist odour and air quality dispersion modelling services using steady state (AERMOD) and puff models (CALPUFF) to assess long term and short term exposure.
Evaluation of odour control options	Assessment of the influence of odour control techniques for cost-benefit analysis studies and development of capital investment plans.
Complaints analysis	Analysis of complaints and development of complaint recording, investigation and validation systems.
Odour management	Advice on odour management and preparation of Odour Management Plans (OMPs) for regulated sites and planning applications.

Odour control and management

BAT/BPM assessments	Review of odour control strategies to evaluate and assess compliance to Best Available Technique (BAT) and Best Practicable Means (BPM) standards.
Fugitive emissions control	Review and development of strategies for control of fugitive emissions from buildings and diffuse odour sources (e.g. landfills).
Abatement system reviews	Assessment of the performance of odour and pollutant abatement systems and problem diagnosis. Abatement system design reviews.
Industry best practice	Advice on industry best practice by sector for odour control and management.
Nuisance investigations	Advice on assessing nuisance to defend against or support nuisance cases.

Policy and expert witness

Expert witness	Expert testimony and review of the strengths and weaknesses of legal cases for civil cases, criminal cases, arbitration, mediation and class action.
Policy development	Development and provision of advice on odour regulation and assessment policy.

Software and odour management tools

Envirosuite™	Web based complaints management, communication and validation tool.
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Testing and emission monitoring

Odour and pollutant emissions measurement services

Odour and pollutant emission measurement*	Measurement of odour emissions and a wide range of odorous and non odorous VOCs from stacks, open tanks, solid material, ventilation systems and buildings. Sampling is accredited by UKAS (all tests) and MCERTS (stacks only).
Bio-aerosols (stacks)*	Measurement of bio-aerosols from stacks (VDI4257 Part 2). Sampling is accredited by UKAS and MCERTS.
Bio-aerosols (ambient)	Monitoring of bio-aerosols in ambient air in accordance with EA/AFOR standards.
Continuous emission monitoring	Continuous monitoring of selected compounds (e.g. hydrogen sulphide, ammonia and Total Volatile Organic Compounds).
Field and boundary monitoring	Field assessments of odour plumes in accordance with EN16841 to determine plume extent or quantify odour exposure from diffuse odour sources (e.g. landfills, composting). VOC and hydrogen sulphide mapping. Olfactory surveys in accordance with Environment Agency, DEFRA and IAQM odour guidance, including expert third party validation and auditing.

Abatement system evaluation

Performance testing*	Assessment of the performance of odour abatement systems in terms of odour (EN13725) and other odorous and non odorous VOCs for commissioning, problem diagnosis and benchmarking to industry best practice standards.
Biofilter health checks	Assessment of biofilter flow distribution to evaluate treatment performance and diagnose performance problems associated with bed drying and short circuiting. Analysis of the 'health' and condition of biofilter media to support an effective biomass and sustain pollutant treatment.
Scrubber health checks	Review of scrubber design and operational control systems.
Flow and load surveys*	Assessment of flow and load to support design of new odour abatement systems.

Fugitive emissions

Air leakage measurement	Building leakage testing to quantify fugitive emissions and support abatement system design.
Smoke testing	Identification of leakage points and assessment of building integrity
Pressure testing	Pressure testing to evaluate building extraction system performance.

* UKAS and/or MCERTS accredited

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Laboratory and Analytical Services

Sensory analysis

Odour strength*	Determination of odour concentration in odour units by Olfactometry (EN13725), to support odour surveys, abatement plant performance tests and evaluate the odour generation potential of liquids and solid materials. UKAS accredited.
Hedonic tone	Determination of the relative unpleasantness of an odour to assess its impact potential. Analysis is conducted in accordance with NVN2820.
Odour character	Assessment of what an odour smells like (i.e. smells like lemon, flowers, sewage, rotten cabbage etc).
Odour threshold	Determination of the odour threshold of an odorous compound (i.e. the concentration at which it is detectable).
Acuity assessment*	Assessment of the sensory acuity (sense of smell) of an individual involved in odour monitoring such as a plant operators, EHOs and Environment Agency officers.

Molecular & pollutant analysis

Trace pollutant (VOC) speciation by GC-MS-TOF	Characterisation of odour and air samples in terms of chemical composition. Our high performance Time of Flight (TOF) Gas Chromatography - Mass Spectroscopy system offers detection down to 1 ppt. Service options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Odour relevant compounds (drawn from a specialist database of over 150 compounds). - Targeted scans (i.e. to identify specific compounds or compound groups defined by the client). - Health relevant compounds.
GC-O	Gas Chromatography - Olfactometry. Identification of the compounds responsible for a specific odour character or malodour.
Total VOCs	Analysis of the volatile organic compound concentration of components with and without methane.
Pollutant specific analysis	Analysis of a wide range of common pollutants using compound specific analysers or low cost indicative testing.

Equipment hire and purchase

Equipment hire	Hire of specialist odour and pollutant sampling equipment.
Equipment purchase	Purchase of specialist odour sampling equipment and sampling bags.
Training	Training in odour sampling and trace gas analysis.

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Training Services

Theory and practice

Regulation and guidance	Introduction to odour regulations. How do concepts such as BAT and BPM apply to odour control? Odour control technology. Overview of odour guidance (Environment Agency, DEFRA, IAQM).
Impact assessment	Introduction to odour dispersion modelling. Odour impact criteria: How much is too much odour? Assessing odours in the field.
Odour control	Preparing an Odour Management Plan (OMP). Assessing odour abatement system performance. Identifying the most cost effective odour solution.
Survey techniques	Emission measurement from stacks, tanks and solid materials. Field survey techniques. Molecular analysis. Fugitive emissions testing and evaluation.

Practical training

Odour sampling	Sampling from ducts and stacks. Sampling from biofilters. Sampling from liquid tanks and solid materials.
Odour analysis	Introduction to sensory analysis. Quality control. Panel management.

Bespoke training packages and workshops tailored to your specific needs are available on request, including interactive training on our full range of sampling and analysis equipment.

Training can be delivered anywhere in the UK and Ireland.

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