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Dear Matthew,

Please see below the response Andrew has received from Simon Moody at the Environment Agency. We hope this is helpful, but please do write directly to Andrew if he can be of further assistance on this matter.

Kind regards,

Michelle



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**Subject:** Inspection activity in your constituency

Dear Andrew

Thank you for getting in touch regarding our current round of proactive water company inspections.

I have spoken with the team responsible for carrying out the inspections within the area of your constituency.

Regarding Wiston, this is a small treatment works that does not have a storm discharge capability so would not feature in our Event Duration Monitoring (EDM) data. However, it is likely that your constituents are referring to the Ashington Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW). This is a far larger site which would have the capability to discharge into the Honeybridge Stream if it became overloaded during storm conditions.

Southern Water are currently carrying out a programme of works at this site to increase flow through the treatment works by approximately 25%. They are also working on increasing the 'storm storage' capabilities of the site by 30%. They have confirmed that these works will be completed by March 2025 and should raise the capacity of the site significantly with positive benefits for the environment.

My team has not inspected the Ashington site yet, however it is one of those planned to take place during the next few weeks

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I thought I would take the opportunity to update you on the sites which we have already inspected in your wider constituency:

- Marshall Close Barnham Combined Sewer Overflow
- Arundel Pumping Station
- Barnettts Bridge Graffham Combined Emergency Overflow
- Fittleworth Sewage Treatment Works
- Bridgefoot Pumping Station
- The Leys Fernhurst Combined Sewer Overflow
- Singleton Relief Combined Sewer Overflow

Many of these sites have found their way onto the priorities site list due to issues with groundwater infiltration in the same way as the Ashington site but otherwise there was, in general, no specific evidence of permit breaches identified.

However, one matter which you may wish to be aware of was an issue that my team identified at Singleton Relief Combined Sewer Overflow in relation to the maintenance of that site.

As you may already be aware, Singleton Relief lies in the Lavant catchment which is subject to significant groundwater infiltration during the winter months to the point where an 'over-pumping' scheme is necessitated to negate the risk of flooding to local residents' homes. As such, this site needs to be operating at its full capability. However, during our visit we discovered that effluent was leaking out through imperfections in pipework rather than entering the sewer via the prescribed pathway. Although the site's outfall is currently shut off during the drier summer months, this issue would have impacted the site's performance over winter. Southern Water are now working to rectify the issue.

I hope this provides a useful update.

Kind regards

Simon



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