

PR202602-26129 - Speringbrook Sewer/Hamstreet



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[redacted],

I do hope this email finds you well. I wanted to email to confirm your concerns regarding the watercourse at Speringbrook sewer area Hamstreet have now been logged on the above reference number and that I shall be the officer assigned to the case.

I have a number of matters to investigate due to the nature of the allegations; this includes but is not limited to reviewing the nature (type, frequency, duration) of the discharge, the condition of the watercourse, and the exposure pathway. I shall also review any data from public health evidence - for this I have reached out to the UKHSA and Environmental Health teams for further information on any clustering of gastrointestinal illnesses in this area over the last 3 years which could be related to exposure to foul water. In line with these steps, I will also be liaising with Southern Water, and I currently await responses.

I visited the site on the afternoon of the 5th March 2026 and walked an accessible section of the riverbank assessing the air quality and visually inspecting the area. This visit was during a warm, dry day and for completeness it is my intention to make multiple visits to include during a period of heavy or extended rainfall when the discharge is in progress or has recently been discharging.

Due to the above steps, I shall be in contact in due course with further information as I continue to gather evidence and monitor.

Should you wish to discuss this further at this time please do not hesitate to contact me on this email address.

Kind regards

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