

Statutory Nuisance - Viaduct Arm Lesser Sewer To Redoubt Outflow



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To: You
Cc: Leadership Support; Environmental Services

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I refer your emails on 24/2/26, 27/2/26 and 2/3/26 about the watercourse leading to the Redoubt Outflow.

You requested that the council begin an investigation for statutory nuisance linked to wastewater discharges from Hamstreet Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The council responded (27/2/26) confirming it would investigate and requesting contact details for the resident whose garden was shown in the image you attached. Alternatively, we asked if they could contact us directly.

Talking to a person living in proximity to the alleged nuisance is a *reasonable and practicable* first step with this type of investigation. The purpose is to evidence their experience with any nuisance e.g. patterns and frequency, any impact on health and facilitate a possible site inspection. Even if this did not lead to a statutory nuisance abatement notice being issued, it could still be helpful to any investigation carried out by the Environment Agency through their regulatory powers. I hope this explains the reasons for the request.

Please note that the council is restricted by s70(10) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in its prosecution of statutory nuisance for activities permitted under Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016. This commonly includes wastewater discharges from water treatment plants.

To assist with the investigation, please ask the residents to contact the council.

Yours sincerely,

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