

Dear Peter.

Thank you for making yourself available last Tuesday. It was very good to meet with you and Mrs W on Tuesday and I hope you both found it useful.

Thank you also for your letter of 22 October to which I hope you will accept this email as a formal response.

Just to clarify the situation the sewer is being provided following an application in February 2009 from the S and B Parish Council under Section 101a of the Water Industry Act 1991. Section 101a requires a sewage undertaker to provide a public sewer for the resolution of environmental, amenity and pollution problems in a locality if it is appropriate to do so.

In response we carried out an assessment of conditions in the area in accordance with Environment Agency guidelines and it was determined that there was a statutory obligation to provide a public sewer to a defined area of S and B.

Funding for this was agreed with OFWAT and the provision of sewerage was placed in our 2015 – 2010 capital programme

As we discussed we have investigated a number of options for the sewerage system in B. A conventional gravity sewer would require three pumping stations. Therefore we have elected to install a vacuum system which will only require a single pumping station. We have explored a number of locations but the present site is the only site which is available to us, and also satisfies the design criteria.

I may have unwittingly raised your expectations regarding a site at the edge of the field at the junction with Church Road and S R Road. I apologise if this is the case.

This is not a suitable location hydraulically for the design of the vacuum system, as the combination of site ground level topography and the general topographic levels throughout the village would exceed the design capability for vacuum sewers.

Ideally a vacuum pumping station is placed centrally within the catchment so that the vacuum sewer lines can have nominally equal length and lift. This option is not available to us in B

Therefore at present this is the only suitable location available to us. We will however be anxious to work with the nearby residents regarding landscaping and screening of the site to mitigate any impact on properties.

At the present time I have not advised Mrs W of the position but due to her vision difficulties will do so by telephone once you have had the opportunity to

Speak with her. I will telephone her next Monday

We appreciate that this is not the outcome you were hoping for but wherever the station is located we are anxious to work with the community to minimise the impact whilst still complying with our legal and operational requirements.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Many thanks

John