




Mr. Nick Long

via EmmaGraham@welhat.gov.uk

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Date: 19 August 2019

Dear Nick,

Thank you for your letter dated 1 August 2019 regarding bromate contamination emanating from St Leonards Court. 

Please be assured that we have the technical & legal expertise to manage the bromate and bromide contamination emanating from St Leonard's Court (a Contaminated Land Special Site under Part 2a of the Environmental Protection Act 1990). Our officers are supported when needed by specialist consultants & Barristers.

We consider Part 2a aspects of managing the bromate and bromide pollution as high priority work. Consequently, we stop or slow lower priority work at times when the demands of managing the Part 2a bromate and bromide pollution require it.

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (WHBC) are aware that we served a Remediation Notice with the accompanying Decision Document on the parties responsible for the bromate and bromide pollution on 17 July 2019. We provided copies to relevant landowners, including WHBC, St Albans City & District Council (SADC), and Hertfordshire County Council (HCC).

The parties responsible for the pollution have appealed the Remediation Notice, submitting grounds of Appeal to Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 7 August 2019. Copies of the appeal documents should have been sent from the appellants to relevant landowners, including WHBC, SADC and HCC. The appellants have requested the appeal be heard at a public inquiry and we are currently working hard to prepare for this appeal. We will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The dates for any public inquiry have not yet been confirmed by PINS.

We have been consulted and have provided comments regarding the bromate and bromide groundwater pollution on the Hertfordshire Minerals Plan. We have also provided comments regarding the bromate and bromide groundwater pollution on the planning applications for the Hatfield Quarry extension (proposed by CEMEX), and the Hatfield Aerodrome Quarry (proposed by Brett, also known as Hatfield Road or Ellenbrook Quarry).

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We have also provided comments regarding the bromate and bromide groundwater pollution on the environmental permitting applications for these quarries; on both the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR) waste operations and the EPR water abstraction activities.

I hope this reassures local residents and their elected representatives that the bromate and bromide groundwater pollution at St Leonards Court is very high priority work for us.

Yours Sincerely,



Sam Lumb
Area Director
Hertfordshire and North London