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Dear Mr McAuley,

### **Waste Water Infrastructure - Hambledon Road, Waterlooville**

I write to you as Chair of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area Forum. The Forum has a membership of elected Members from Winchester City Council, Havant Borough Council and Hampshire County Council combined committee and provides oversight of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area, which includes the Grainger Berewood and Taylor Wimpey Old Park Farm sites totalling 3,000 dwellings.

It was brought to the attention of the Forum at our last meeting that there have been two recent flooding incidents on the Hambledon Road (B2150), adjacent to Sickle Way in the West of Waterlooville MDA. Our understanding is that the flooding incidents were caused by a lack of capacity in the foul water sewerage pipes during particularly heavy rainfall which has backed up in the existing infrastructure.

The potential for future flooding events is of significant concern to the local residents, both of newly built properties and in the older residential area.

At the moment about half of the planned properties have been built, and clearly the issue capacity of the local drainage system is one which will become more rather than less severe in the future.

As such, I would be grateful if you would be able to advise:

1. Does Southern Water consider that the existing network in the Waterlooville area, with particular reference to Hambledon Road, has sufficient capacity to deal with the additional waste water load currently generated and how will that be impacted by further development in the area (not all of which is at West of



Waterlooville of course).

2. What plans for future investment in your infrastructure in the area do you have and what factors are significant in decision making?

Whilst I would ask for a reply that I can relay to the Members of the Forum in due course, if any of your team would like to discuss the issues raised by this letter with the City Council then either Steve Tilbury, our Strategic Director ([stilbury@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:stilbury@winchester.gov.uk)) or Chris Hughes our Team Leader for Major Development Implementation ([chughes@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:chughes@winchester.gov.uk)) would be pleased to hear from them.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the West of Waterlooville Forum