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IPD2022 Consultation response, Ofwat, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham, B5 4UA

Dear Sir/Madam

I live in [REDACTED] It suffers from widespread flooding, primarily, but not solely due to inadequate network capacity in both UUs surface water sewers, foul/combined sewers and New Lane Waste Water Treatment Works.

The extent of our flooding problems are widely under reported on official records. Under reporting benefits UU, the local planning authority LCC and the borough council WLBC, because the authorities were then still able to place a strategic development site in Burscough, at a time when UU said it didn't have funds allocated to solve the long term flooding problems here.

Decisions about the drainage needs for the many new housing estates are taken in secret by WLBC, LCC and UU without minutes and fed back into the planning process (and we believe) after the plans have been passed by the planning committee. So far none of those secret meetings have resulted in a recommendation for a new sewage works or any other improvement or resolution of UU's network capacity issues. Whereas residents were promised that the flooding problems would be resolved by a new treatment works during the last local plan consultation and examination in public.

Probably one of the worst examples of UU polluting our living environment, is that its New Lane Waste Water Treatment Works is regularly overwhelmed during very heavy rainfall; causing its supplying sewage pumping station to flood parts of the village of New Lane with untreated sewage. This includes the rail crossing and substantial areas of local farmland. Residents their indicate this is a regular problem which dates back over 20 years. However, when Burscough Flooding Group met with UU and questioned them, UU said that,

"UU have no plans to resolve the problem and the recurring spills aren't a health risk, either to residents, or to anyone buying produce from the contaminated local farmland." [My paraphrasing]

"The low incidence of infectious disease within their workforce is evidence of how benign the problem is." [My paraphrasing]

Please find some photographs attached. Please get in touch if you want any more information.

Yours faithfully

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