

Please find below written questions raised by a Wooburn & Bourne End Member which I would be grateful if you could forward to Thames Water.

**1) Prevention - Investment in Capacity, Capability & Processes**

What is being done in terms of investment to improve the existing operations of the facility over the next 1, 3 and 5 years that would give confidence to residents and businesses that risks and issues are being identified and addressed before an incident occurs?

**2) Future proofing - 1000+ Houses and Climate Change**

If the Wycombe Local Plan is executed, Bourne End and Wooburn will have another 1000+ Houses in the next ten years. This is a massive increase and Thames Water have already stated they do not have the capacity presently in their Representations. What plans are being made to ensure that housing development cannot proceed ahead of the Thames Water requirements with regard to consultation and investment? As users and customers, we cannot tolerate a lag or “heel dragging”. Thames Water must invest ahead of the curve.

Secondly, we have recently seen the impact of flash floods in London and we are only too aware of the impact heavy rainfall has on our own local roads and drainage systems. This eventually overloads the Sewage Treatments Works and discharges are made into the river with untold consequences on public health and the environment. What plans are in place to future proof this facility with regard to more dramatic weather patterns associated with climate change?

**3) Transparency - Alerts and Notifications**

As a local Councillor, I find it very frustrating to only hear about issues at the Little Marlow Sewage Treatment Works through local social media groups and the Bucks Free Press. What is the purpose of this Liaison Group if it is not one of the first points of notification for incidents and, heaven forbid, emergencies? Our residents, downstream of the sewage works, want to know what has happened and be able to take the necessary precautions if required. We need transparency with immediate effect, either via this Liaison Group or directly if we are not included.

In addition to the Agenda I would ask the following:-

4) **5 Year AMP** Please advise when will the next 5 Year AMP financial planning process begin and what criteria would need to be included in a business case to support investment in increased capacity at the Little Marlow site? Is there anything this committee can do to assist in preparing such a business case ? The previous major investment at the Little Marlow site was made outside of the AMP Process - what criteria would now apply in such an instance?

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**Containment barrier**

At a previous Liaison Committee meeting, I did suggest to TW that they should consider constructing at least a low level containment barrier around the perimeter of the STW site

so that spillages, such as from the last three (?) short-period incidents, were contained within the site.

I don't think we ever received a fully substantive response to that suggestion although there was some feedback that it was not possible to do that at the main entrance to the site (which was understood to be the exit route for at least one, if not all those incidents).

I think it is worth raising that question again.