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Dear Adam

Welborne Plan - Waste Water Treatment

Please find below the Environment Agency's current position regarding the disposal of waste water treatment for the strategic development at Welborne.

There are 2 solutions that have been proposed in the Welborne Plan for Waste Water Disposal. These are proposed by Southern Water and Albion Water. Both of these options would need to ensure that there is no deterioration to the quality of the receiving waterbodies. Both companies have existing permits to discharge from Peel Common (Southern Water) and Knowle (Albion Water) respectively. It is for the water companies to demonstrate that they can accommodate the proposed growth and that any additional discharge that arises from the growth at Welborne can be accommodation within their existing permits. It is highly unlikely that any variation or new permit, resulting in an increase in discharge, would be forthcoming.

From the additional information provided (preliminary infrastructure assessments August and September 2014) it appears that the proposal put forward by Albion would require additional permitted discharge, if this is to be pursued we would suggest that early discussion is undertaken with the Environment Agency through our pre-permitting process, however the limited information available suggests that the impact on the receiving waterbody (The River Meon) may be too great, and in those circumstances a new/variation in permit would be unlikely to be given.

If you have any queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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