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Dear Mr. Fox,

FORMER SHELL UK SITE, WOKINGHAM ROAD

I refer to your recent enquiries regarding the above site.

A survey of the site was undertaken earlier this year by an independent firm. The results showed contamination, within the site boundary, by volatile inorganic hydrocarbons. Some soil is being treated on site, but more heavily contaminated soil is being removed from the site, and followed by backfill:

Samples were taken at the site boundary, but these showed no evidence of contamination, and so I can conclude that there is no risk of contamination of your property or any others adjoining the site.

Following your concern about flow in the drain on your property, I have consulted with our Engineer's department. The manhole leads to a surface water drain which serves a large number of properties along the Wokingham Road, and considering the amount of rainfall we have had in the past month it is not unusual that there is water flowing along this drain. Shell UK do have special consent, issued by the National Rivers Authority, to discharge into the foul sewer and violation of this consent, either by excessive discharge or discharge into the incorrect sewer would result in prompt action by the National Rivers Authority. Any contaminants present when the drain finally discharges into a watercourse would be identified through the National Rivers Authority's routine monitoring, and we would be notified.

I hope this answers your queries but if you are still concerned, please contact me again at these offices.

Yours sincerely,

D.C. GHENT (Miss)
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN

"NOTE" SHELL DISCHARGED INTO THE RAINWATER SEWER THAT DISCHARGED INTO THE RIVER LADON & THAMES MANY CHILDREN BECAME ILL & DIED