

Rt Hon Michael Gove MP  
House of Commons  
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Subject: Urgent Concern Regarding Ongoing Sewage Odour in Camberley

Dear Mr. Gove,

We hope this email finds you well. As local councillors for St Michaels and Watchetts wards in Surrey Heath, we write to you about an urgent matter that has been affecting your constituents since May. The offensive smell emanating from the Camberley sewage works has become an unbearable issue for many residents.

As you may already be aware, the cause of this foul odour stems from the storage of surplus sewage at the Camberley site. Thames Water has been transporting excess waste from other locations, and unfortunately, the sewage plant is struggling to cope with the influx, leading to a significant impact on air quality and the well-being of residents.

We have been in contact with Thames Water to address this issue. However, despite their assurances, the situation remains largely unchanged. The existing odour control measures are insufficient to manage the surplus waste, causing immense distress to your constituents.

We kindly request that you visit the Camberley sewage works site, with us, to witness firsthand the detrimental impact this issue is having on the community. Your presence and engagement will add weight to our collective efforts in urging Thames Water to take immediate and effective action to rectify the situation.

Additionally, we seek reassurance from you that the government are willing to regulate water companies effectively. Dissatisfaction over sewage spills in our rivers has been frequently raised on the doorsteps in Surrey Heath. Implementing robust regulations and monitoring mechanisms is vital to safeguard the environment and the well-being of residents in Surrey Heath and across the country.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Quin  
Councillor for St Michaels Ward

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