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### **Southern Water Drainage and Waste Water Management Plan (DWMP)**

Dear Sally,

Please find attached a response from Adur District Council with regards to the Southern Water Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan consultation. We will also be taking a report on this matter to the next available Joint Strategic Committee for endorsement. The agreed report will then be forwarded to yourselves.

Adur District Council supports the development of this strategic approach to address the area's wastewater and drainage systems, and secure improved outcomes for our residents, visitors and businesses. As a coastal authority which also benefits from the presence of the River Adur, the water environment is highly valued as an environmental and recreational asset, as well as a critical resource. The Council is also conscious of the challenges of climate change, having declared a climate emergency in July 2019.

The attached response to the Consultation highlights that there needs to be more effective working with the Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFA's) and Local Authorities (LA's) to ensure a more robust approach towards SUDs and higher standards for new sewers. Such an approach should help to meet the objectives of

the overall Strategy and help avoid flooding and effluent discharge to watercourses and coastal areas.

As such, the Council is greatly concerned about recent incidents of foul sewer discharge into the sea and requests that action be taken to address this as a matter of urgency. Adur District Council is likely to pursue bathing water status for the River Adur in the future, and it is imperative for health and the environment that water quality issues are addressed here, as well as along the coastline of Adur.

The Council would welcome continued engagement with Southern Water as to how the challenges of water quality, infrastructure improvements, and climate change can be addressed.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Steve Neocleous, Adur Cabinet  
Member for Regeneration and Strategic Planning



Cllr Emma Evans, Adur Cabinet Member for the Environment and Leisure