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20 January 2025

Dear Mishcon de Reya,

Your client: Cleaner Bentham Limited ("Cleaner Bentham")
Our client: Angus Fire Limited ("Angus Fire")

1. We refer to your letter to Angus International Safety Group ("**AISG**") dated 14 January 2025. As you know, we act for Angus Fire, an affiliate of AISG and the entity to which we consider your letter should properly have been addressed.
2. Our client recognises that Cleaner Bentham has legitimate concerns in relation to the potential impacts of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("**PFAS**") as a result of historic operations undertaken at our client's facility at Station Road, High Bentham. Our client regrets the inconvenience and worry that this has caused.
3. While our client notes the questions contained in your letter, our client is also conscious of its obligations as a responsible corporate entity and community citizen. Accordingly, our client considers that it is important to ensure that all members of the Bentham community are placed, so far as is possible, on an equal footing as regards access to information and updates.
4. In light of the above, our client would direct your client to its dedicated community engagement website at www.derbs.co.uk. Our client considers this website to be the most appropriate forum for generally applicable information to be made available to the Bentham community. In particular, our client would direct your client to the 'Town Council Update' section of the website and the most recent Town Council Update dated 6 January 2025. Future updates will also be made available on this website.
5. That being said, our client recognises that the community has legitimate questions and so in relation to your client's questions 9 and 10, our client confirms that none of the products currently manufactured

by our client contain PFAS (indeed, our client no longer manufactures any foam products at its Bentham facility, nor does it manufacture any short chain C6 fluorosurfactants anywhere else).

6. Needless to say, our client's decision not to reply to any of the other questions or points in your client's letter does not constitute, and should not be construed as, an admission or confirmation in relation to any relevant matter, event or circumstance.
7. Our client considers that one point made in the most recent Town Council Update is worth emphasising, namely that the testing of water flows in the drainage system from Bentham which travel through our client's property down to the River Wenning, show that PFAS are already present (i.e. before such waters could have been, based on our client's current understanding, impacted by historic operations undertaken at our client's facility). This is, however, to be expected given that PFAS are essentially ubiquitous: they result from a very wide range of sources and are in many household products and chemicals used on a daily basis.
8. Finally, our client would note that it is both proud of the work it does in designing and manufacturing products that save lives and protect critical assets around the world and its role as a responsible employer in Bentham. Our client also considers that, despite the concerns about environmental impacts from historic operations at its facility (which our client in no way seeks to minimise), it has a good relationship with the local community and wishes to maintain that.
9. Please ensure that future correspondence in this matter is directed to this firm.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fieldfisher LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

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