

Date: 22nd July 2024

Dear Cleaner Bentham Group,

Thank you for your email dated 9th July 2024.

We understand and share the concern that you and many others rightly have. We are not denying there has been some historic PFAS contamination on the Bentham site, but it's important not to panic or sensationalise the matter, especially when key facts have not yet been established.

Angus is working urgently, and indeed has been doing so for a number of years, to establish the extent of any PFAS contamination. It's a complex job because the site is large and has been in operation for generations. The Site characterisation is being carried out by independent, industry-leading consultants, and in co-operation with the Environment Agency.

Pending the results of that further work, what I can assure you of is that we have always sought to work within regulatory guidelines. As I've said before, we've been in Bentham for a long time and consider ourselves part of the community here. We have committed to remediate any PFAS contamination, to levels agreed with the Environment Agency.

As well as the EA, we are keeping local elected representatives informed. We have also just set up a website, www.derbs.co.uk (Decommissioning & Environmental Remediation at Bentham Site). This contains key information and updates, which anybody can access, and our intention is to add to it in the weeks ahead, in order to ensure the local community is kept properly informed.

That, in our view, is the proper way to communicate with people. Precisely because, we acknowledge this is a serious matter, we think it's sensible to prioritise discussions with elected representatives and the environmental regulator, and communicate directly with local people, over responding to ad hoc questions.

Key information is still pending but we will share it as soon as we can. Hopefully, the additional information we share over the coming weeks will provide some of the detail you are looking for.

We are; of course, open to further dialogue with Cleaner Bentham Group. With that in mind, we await any further information you may be able to share concerning your proposal to conduct your own PFAS testing at the Bentham site.

Yours faithfully

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