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Dear Mr Williams,

I am writing with regards to the PFAS contamination detected in and around the Angus Fire Bentham factory site.

I refer to the "**Independent Test Results**" posted to your website ([here](#)) on 16/09/2024 and your letter, dated 23/08/24, which you sent in response to a previous letter we sent you.

Ramboll Investigation

The Independent Test Results include the Ramboll Investigation reports. We have been advised by relevant experts that although the Independent Test Results are good as far as they go, they are preliminary in nature and limited in scope. Typically, this type of investigation is conducted in a phased approach, being (1) preliminary / exploratory investigation of the site, and (2) a further, more exhaustive investigation if contamination is indicated in phase 1. As PFAS was detected by the Ramboll Investigations, it would be customary to commission secondary, more thorough investigations to determine the extent of the contamination, so that it may be acted on and harms mitigated. We have not received any correspondence from you to suggest that this is underway.

In fact, there has been no update to the community or the Town Council since 16/09/2024. We would be grateful if you could answer the following few questions that have been raised about the (phase 1) Ramboll Investigations posted to your website.

1. Borehole logs seem to be absent from your report, *are these available please?*
2. *Are you going to be instructing Ramboll to test the deepwater Aquifer. We note that there are records that one Aquifer is 140' +/- deep.*
3. No groundwater monitoring data is available for off-site locations; *Can you provide these please?*
4. Ramboll's conceptual model is not presented; *Can you provide this please?*
5. Exposure pathways are not thoroughly assessed; *Is Angus going instruct Ramboll to assess these thoroughly?*
6. The C4SL of PFAS are interim values, they do not include inhalation or dermal contact, so are not a complete assessment; *Is Angus going to instruct Ramboll or other contractors to investigate these*
7. Off-site groundwater abstractions are present to the south of the site, and these are not mentioned in the report; *please can you forward this information?*



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8. Targeted repairs to drainage are noted in last 3 years – it is uncertain where these are relative to the boreholes; *Can you please elaborate on these repairs?*
9. PFAS appears to be widespread in soils surrounding the site, even to the south within the recreational area, but no consideration of pathways has been presented; *please can you send this?* and
10. The investigations have not conducted enough samples or taken samples from key areas, such as the residential garden just 20m from the lagoon testing 149.1µg/kg circa. *Is Angus going to be conducting more tests in these areas and when can we expect this to happen?*

Some of these questions would be answered by conducting further investigations, and clearly indicate that such an investigation is essential in determining the extent of the PFAS contamination in Bentham. Please can you confirm whether you will be commissioning a full thorough investigation to follow the Ramboll Investigation reports, and when we should expect to receive the results of such investigation?

Blood Testing

We are currently seeking funds to conduct blood testing for local residents. This step is essential to inform local people of whether they might be impacted by PFAS and whether they should seek medical attention or pursue preventative measures to help avoid associated negative health impacts.

As your business has publicly engaged with the community on this issue so far, and is of course very central to the wider PFAS challenges in Bentham, we would be grateful if you could respond to our letter dated 23/08/2024 regarding contributing to funding these blood tests for a sample of community members. We have people willing to take these tests from a wide demographic of Bentham.

We are pursuing multiple options for testing, but currently require £12,000 to conduct blood testing for PFAS for a target group of Bentham residents.

We hope that you will support us in this to ultimately help to protect the health of the local people of Bentham.

We would be grateful for a quick response on this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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