

ALFOLD PARISH COUNCIL



The Rt. Hon. Sir Jeremy Hunt
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Dear Sir Jeremy,

Re: Ongoing Sewage and Sewage Pumping Station Issues in Alfold.

As our local MP I am sure you are well aware of the long running sewage issues we have been experiencing in the village of Alfold, we also appreciate the efforts you have made on our behalf to date to address these problems. However, these issues appear to have really escalated over the last few weeks. We have a lot of verbal reports and social media posts locally of sewage problems in the village.

The first area of concern relates to the number of tankers attending the pumping station on Loxwood Road. The Pumping Station is again unable to cope, and Thames Water have had to send a high volume of tankers to the site to relieve the issues, but even that is not working too well. The number of tankers attending has been verbally reported to be up to 40 in a 24-hour period. Neighbours have complained about tankers attending day and night and reporting unacceptable levels of noise and disturbed sleep due to flashing lights on the tankers.

The second major concern is when the tankers cannot keep up with the inflow to the pumping station, the local residents report rising sewerage in their properties.

Although the recent weather may have exacerbated the impact to our local sewage system that is not an excuse for this level of incompetence, inconvenience and disruption. It is still Winter and the rain will continue and Winter will come again next year. Thames Water cannot cope as it is. There are some 100 more houses already being built which are not yet occupied that will soon join to the same infrastructure. There are two other developers with applications at the planning stage for between 400 and 500 houses, these will also add their sewage to this overstressed system.

Through various social media platforms, we are asking local residents to report the dates and times of disruption, noise and sewage incidents locally. These will be collated by the Parish Clerk to build a body of evidence to demonstrate the village can no longer take any new housing development without fixing the sewage system first.

I hope we can count on your continued support to highlight these issues with Thames Water (again) and inform the Secretary of State for Housing that just throwing numbers out is not a strategic way to develop the housing we need in this country. A "Golden Thread" for new housing is supposed to be the right housing in the right place with the infrastructure available to support new and existing residents.

Yours sincerely

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