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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Scrutiny Review of Sewerage Capacity**

Hastings Borough Council is currently undertaking a scrutiny review in relation to the town's sewerage system. Specifically, we are looking to investigate if and where existing sewerage capacity problems exist, and also to consider the implications of future development in the town.

We would like to involve key community groups and stakeholders in this process, to make sure that we fully understand the issues residents face with regard to the local sewerage system. Some key points we would like further information on include:

- Are you aware of any recent sewerage flooding incidents in your area? If so, where?
- Are there any areas of proposed housing development (or other types of development) that you are concerned about in terms of additional stress on the sewerage system? If so where?
- Do you have any suggestions of ways in which we can reduce existing problems?

If you have any views or concerns in relation any of these questions, or would like to make any other additional comments, we would be pleased to hear from you in writing, either individually or as a group. The closing date for responses is Friday 27 November 2009. Please note that we are only seeking views on sewerage capacity, and are not considering general flooding issues.

All comments received will be shared with Southern Water, with a view to obtaining their response to the key issues raised.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above details.

Yours faithfully

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