

Sir David Henshaw
Chair, Natural Resources Wales

22 November 2021

Dear Sir David,

Unpermitted sewage discharges

The matter of unpermitted sewage discharges by water companies both sides of the border has been the subject of intense political and public debate in recent months.

We are aware that the Environment Agency and Ofwat have launched an inquiry into sewage treatment works, following the admission by water companies in England that they could be releasing unpermitted sewage discharges into rivers and watercourses.

It would be helpful if you could clarify:

- whether Natural Resources Wales and Ofwat plan to undertake a similar inquiry into sewage treatment works in Wales,
- if no such inquiry is planned, why you do not consider one to be necessary.

I should be grateful to receive a response from you as soon as possible, and by 6 December 2021 at the latest.

I am copying this letter to Jonson Cox CBE, Chair of Ofwat.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Llyr', is centered within a light yellow rectangular box.

Llyr Gruffydd MS,
Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.