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Dear Mrs Davies

Thank you for your letter which was received on 19 July 2018.

I'm sorry that my previous correspondence with Paul Davies AM has been construed as absolving Welsh Water of any issues in the area, as this was never my intention.

We have undertaken extensive investigations on our sewerage network in the area. Our investigations have concluded that the root cause of the flooding is the Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) culvert overflowing and entering into our sewer. We believe that once this issue has been dealt with the situation in St Dogmaels will improve.

However, as a result of these investigations we have put a number of additional interventions in place to help during periods of heavy rainfall. This includes the installation of an additional pump in the Sewerage Pumping Station (SPS) to help reduce the risk of discharge from the sewers.

Our area Sewerage Manager Richard Davies has explained previously that any new planning applications would be reviewed on a case by case basis by our Developer Services Team. As a Statutory Undertaker we seek to be able to support new development wherever possible. Please be assured that our priority is to protect our customers and the environment, therefore we would not agree to the communication of additional flows unless we were satisfied there was capacity within the public sewerage network. It is often the case that Developers are able to remove surface water from our sewers as a result of new developments and this ensures that there is no detriment to the performance of our Sewerage Network.

Our Developer Services Team are actively engaged with PCC through both being a consultee in Local Development Plan (LDP) process and as a Statutory Consultee in the planning application process. Our comments through these assessments are informed by analysis of the existing infrastructure in the area at the time of consultation, and do consider the impact of the proposal on the performance of the public sewerage network.

I hope you find my response helpful, however, if you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Charlotte on 029 20534515, Monday to Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm.

Yours Sincerely

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