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Cc: Lee Savill; Simon Bell
Subject: RE: Recommendations re drainage issue at the Leisure Centre

Hi Lorraine

It was very pleasant to meet with you, Parish Councillor David Stock and Mrs Mackie from Harolds Park Farm on Tuesday, and I hope that our discussions and debate were of use.

To summary:

It is our considered opinion that the foul sewer running within the perimeter of the Leisure Centre site is now the responsibility of Thames Water since the enactment of what's known as the Transfer of Private Sewers Regulations in 2011. This view is arrived at by the fact that we established that the 4+ residential properties to the south all utilise the pipe run to convey their foul sewage discharges, and that the pipe ultimately connects to the main foul sewer to the north of the Nazeing Common properties.

Consequently, setting aside for the time being the finite capacity of the pipe and that its undoubtedly taking some surface water too, Thames should be contacted in respect of all future blockages, collapses, manhole covers and chambers etc.

To that end I telephoned Thames Water from site to report the blockage we observed and as they now have your contact details they should call you within the next few days when they attend site. If they push back on any of the above then we would be all too pleased to elevate the issue within Thames Water. Whilst in a simplistic form, Thames Water's own [website](#) has a brief graphic of the situation showing how they would be responsible for the shared pipework. Further examples of the implications of the Regulations can be found [here](#).

The Parish Council remain responsible for the connection(s) to the shared sewer.

For the sewer flooding that occurred a few weeks back, Lee and I found no residue remaining within the site or on the adjacent property that would be considered a health risk given that any bacteria that was present will have died off since the August incident and no solids or paper etc were visible. For the minor amount of silt that's gathered in the low point of the car park we suggest just bagging that up and disposing in the normal way along with the cardboard etc that's stored at the side of the building.

If the PC consider a new building in the future we would be pleased to advice on the drainage options to ensure a robust and sustainable drainage design.

While I'm on, as we discussed that the Highway Rangers now come within this teams remit, please see the link [here](#) to the EFDC website where suggestions for Rangers work can be sent. Please don't send any more for cutting back the Nazeing Road hedge lol. But the siding out of the footway we can raise with Biffa/the Rangers.

All the best, and if you need assistance at any point just drop me a line. Oh, and thank you for the email regarding the joinery company. We will certainly check them out for the wooden signposts we are likely to need.

Regards, Trevor

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