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Ms Eleanor Hoyle
Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
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Our Ref: TT50310/Kings Hill Odour

Dear Eleanor,

Over the past few days, and increasingly so this week, I have been in contact with numerous residents on Kings Hill regarding an odour from Blaise Farm Quarry. I understand that this is linked to the anaerobic digestion plant being built, where much of our waste goes.

Residents are concerned that, despite reporting this issue many times to Environmental Health at Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (TMBC), a statutory nuisance has not yet been declared. I would appreciate it if you could address whether this is a course of action which TMBC will consider as the smell of sewerage continues to affect many residents living near to Blaise Farm.

In addition, I would be keen if you could let me know whether TMBC would consider working with Kent County Council to make greater use of alternative locations for waste disposal until the risk of the odour has decreased. At the moment the levels of Hydrogen Sulphide are particularly high and I would like to know what readings are being taken to confirm this, and whether Public Health England have yet been informed?

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Tugendhat".

TOM TUGENDHAT

CC:

Cllr Nicolas Heslop, Leader, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
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