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Dear Susan,

Thank you for your letter dated 14th of April 2016,

For the avoidance of doubt I strongly disagree that any of the proposed requirements should be added to the site licence. As you are aware one of our directors met yourself and another person from the council at the Broadfields Park since the writing of the above dated letter.

During this meeting it was agreed with both parties that United Utilities could come out and take a look at the parks drains and Green Lane pumping station which was left to yourselves to organise.

United Utilities have since been out to the park, of which you arranged and observed the drains working during heavy rain. They tested from the flushing from mobile homes, to observing the onsite pumping station pumping away, to the new surface water drainage system taking the top water of the park all of which was working adequately of which they had no problems with.

Unfortunately where the sewage leaves the park they were unsure as to who owns the land and who's responsibility it would be from that point, maybe you could clarify who's ownership Green lane is in?

Obviously I strongly disagree with the contents of your letter, and believe that we have met all the council's action requirements. We have had the park surveyed by Drain Doctor & Wyre Surfacing plus on the recommendation having carried out improvements by introducing a separate surface water drainage system which we intend to extend even further. We have a maintenance system in place along with records, all of which has costs us a considerable amount of money. We have tried previously to get written confirmation as to what extent of a survey (that would have to have been reasonable) the council required, but unfortunately we have not received a response from the council of which we have evidence of.

I note that you reject the statement that we haven't had any drainage problems on park since Wyre Surfacing carried out the improvements last year, a statement that still stands even till today and can be proven with the records kept. As you reject this statement please provide us with dates and times when a council employee has been on park and witnessed a failure since the works was carried out.

Please find our reply to the proposed additional unfair obligations on our site Licence that should not be put on our site licence.

The drains are adequate and are working on Broadfields Park, proof of this is the fact that they haven't failed since the improvements were carried out, along with United Utilities having no issue with the parks drains.

We have installed drainage at the bottom of the park that deals separately with surface water, which has had issues in the past due to the land level being the lower than the surrounding areas and residents on park making the areas outside their home impermeable for water to pass through. This improvement has already been carried out and is satisfactory as far as United Utilities is concerned.

We already have sufficient procedures in place to deal with any backup and could only work to the time scales permitted by local contractors, realistically speaking if there was a failure there would be times where it would not be possible to have effluent removed within 24 hours. There is a limited amount of local contractors that can deal with effluent removal who give priority to the council and United utilities when there is an issue for obvious reasons, any timescale limitation would be unworkable other than to as soon as reasonably possible.

All residents have a list of emergency contact details already.

Already have a system in place to deal with any issues on park and don't believe that this is what the site licence should be used for, and the wording any concerns is too vague and could be widely interpreted to be anything.

I believe that the inclusion of any of the above worded terms is not only unnecessary but also unfair on ourselves as we agreed to carry out the above improvements on a voluntary basis on the back of not having any additional requirements added to our site licence.

in the event that our site licence has imposed on us the additional proposed site licence conditions we reserve the right to make a future claim against Lancaster City Council for costs incurred by ourselves of carrying out improvements on the basis of no change being made to the site licence.

I believe that you should be making it 100% clear to the licensing regulatory committee that we have always worked with the council, and that United Utilities have visited the park at your request had no issues with the park, and that the only potential issue that remains is regarding the drainage going through Green Lane, Which is probably the responsibility of the Lancaster City Council or alternatively United Utilities.

Regards

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