

United Utilities and Staveley with Ings Parish Council Joint Statement (supported by Clean River Kent Campaign)

Following positive and constructive discussions in Staveley this morning, Wednesday 31st January, it was agreed that an integrated solution would be pursued, involving all relevant partners, to reduce the use of combined sewer overflows into the River Kent and to address sewer flooding occurring in the street which discharges from village manholes during bad weather. United Utilities confirmed its intention that investment in its wastewater treatment works and sewer network would take place by 2030.

It was identified that there are some immediate improvements that will be delivered this year:

- 50% increase in the capacity at United Utilities' wastewater treatment works, to be completed by September 2024
- A comprehensive investigation and analysis into the causes of ingress into the combined sewerage network of surface and ground water will continue with partners, up to December 2024, by which time a solution will be identified and agreed to tackle both storm overflows and sewer flooding. This investigation will be funded by United Utilities.
- Provide water butts for all Staveley residents who want them, funded by the company, to be completed by September 2024. Larger SUDS pods will be installed at the school and other suitable larger locations

Following the outcome of the investigation, a comprehensive and integrated solution to tackle both storm overflows and sewer flooding will be designed and approved based on the requirements of the investigations.

Both parties recognise Staveley's unique location and the community's determination to work with all agencies to tackle these issues. We both agree to engage in a creative and constructive way in our interactions with each other sharing data, information and solutions, operating with full transparency, and making the best use of local knowledge and experience.

Both parties commit to work together to find solutions and will meet regularly to ensure action and momentum is maintained to deliver the improvements we, and the community, collectively want to see.

Signed:



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