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Dear Sir/Madam,

Raw sewage in Smuggler's Lane, Holcombe EX7 0JL

I am writing on behalf of Holcombe Residents Association about the above matter. The Association has over 340 members in the village.

A number of members of our association have, for some time, been most concerned about the appearance of raw sewage in Smuggler's Lane. We are also concerned about sewage on the beach at the bottom of the lane and about the smell from the treatment works in the lane.

The most recent appearance of sewage in the lane is described with considerable clarity in the attached letter to the Dawlish Gazette of 5th May 2010. As you will see this describes a most unpleasant situation which we believe has implications for public health. Sadly, the situation described has happened on a number of previous occasions. In addition to the public health implications there are very negative effects on local tourism as this is a popular access point to the beach between Holcombe and Teignmouth as well as being on the South West Coast path.

As indicated previously we are also concerned about sewage on the beach where the regular growth of tomatoes can only come from raw sewage discharging there. The sewage processing building halfway down the lane also smells of sewage on frequent occasions and this is, at best, most unpleasant.

I have been asked to write to you to seek an explanation of these events and also to ask what steps South West Water is taking to remedy the situation. I am copying this letter to our local councillor and to the Environment Agency who I understand is responsible for regulating such issues.

I look forward to receiving your reply.

John Watson

Secretary, Holcombe Residents Association

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