

Mr Stuart Derwent
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Dear Mr Derwent,

I am writing to follow up my letter of 18 September 2002 in which I requested news of Southern Water's Consultative Group, which had been set up in order to decide upon a range of possible locations for the siting of Brighton & Hove City's sewage treatment works.

I would like to take this opportunity again to remind Southern Water of the need to ensure it features technology that will treat the sewage to a level that is high enough not to cause harm to Brighton's bathers and surfers and other water users, utilising the best available technology. This is the only way to give Brighton's water-users the sewage free environment they deserve.

In addition, the location of the treatment works must be dealt with sensitively in order to meet the needs of the local environment and situated on an inland brownfield site as opposed to a greenfield site.

As shadow rapporteur for the Green Group on the EU Bathing Water Directive, I am currently working to ensure the highest possible levels for Brighton's human health and environmental standards are achieved. It would be a disappointment for Brighton if Southern Water were to undermine my efforts to secure a bright future for Brighton's tourist industry and the health and welfare of bathers, surfers and other water users alike.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Caroline Lucas
Green Party MEP for South East England