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Dear Mr Elliott,

RE: Wastewater Treatment Plant at Peacehaven

Further to your notification letter of March 16th, I am writing to express concerns about the proposed wastewater treatment plan for Peacehaven. I have received a number of letters from local residents objecting to the proposals, and have consulted my Green Party colleagues on Brighton and Hove city council.

The main point that I wish to raise is about giving further consideration to alternative sites. I understand that 2 brown-field sites, Newhaven and Shoreham Harbour, were originally looked at but were rejected. Given local concerns about the impact of a plant at Peacehaven, particularly with regard to traffic levels and on nearby wildlife sites, I would urge you to review the feasibility of the alternative sites. The plant is only 70 metres away from a proposed National Park and risks damaging this bid, as well as the habitats of a wide range of flora and fauna.

I would like to commend Southern Water for integrating measures that will make the processing at Peacehaven as environmentally aware as possible. To further add to the ecological aspects of the project, I would also recommend that the physical structures at the plant incorporate a turf roof, to encourage biodiversity and to help it blend in with the surrounding environment.

Yours sincerely,



Caroline Lucas - Green Party MEP for South East England.

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