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Via email

Dear Catherine,

**Crouchland Farm – Update on Emptying Lagoon 2**

We have made good progress on the emptying and disposal of the contents of Lagoon 2 since we commenced the work in August.

So far, we estimate that we have emptied and safely transported away to a treatment plant over a third of the lagoon's contents and we continue to make good progress. As the lagoon contents recede, we have started to backfill gradually with earth from the bank which now stands significantly above the lowered level of the lagoon itself. Once the lagoon has been emptied and the area graded, we will initially re-seed it to prohibit weed growth as we determine what would be best for that area in the longer term.

The lorry movements have worked smoothly with the vehicles being escorted back and front for the early part of the journey beyond the northern end of Foxbridge Lane and through to Loxwood. We have cut back verges to improve the line of sight on Rickman's Lane and, in discussion with the WSCC Highways Department, have erected appropriate signage to warn other users of the vehicle movements. We are monitoring the local roads being used very carefully, particularly at the times of the day when school runs are occurring.

As the lagoon gets lower, the consistency of the contents gets thicker, so we are having to add up to four tonnes of water to each load. Inevitably, this has an impact on the quantity of material we can remove from the lagoon and the time it takes to fill and then discharge the lorries at the treatment plant. We are doing all that we can to maintain momentum but I would estimate that it will most likely take us to the end of October to complete the emptying and disposal work. This is two weeks later than we had hoped.

Yours sincerely,



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