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Southern Water Consultation: Let's Talk Water

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Dear Southern Water,

Please find below my submission regarding your consultation. (These are my views and not those of my district council).

Sewers can be used to heat homes

Southern Water should commence an initiative to investigate viability and then go on to implements projects. The North Street development of over 400 houses in Lewes could be the first major project! Capturing the warmth contained in waste water & sewerage could prevent thousands of tonnes of harmful CO2 entering the atmosphere every year and provide heating to thousands of homes. I recommend that suitable existing and new housing developments be considered for this form of renewable energy.

See:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/earth/energy/10508284/Sewers-to-be-used-to-heat-homes.html>

<https://www.theade.co.uk/news/market-news/hidden-heat-in-sewers-could-warm-glasgow-through-winter>

Microbeads

What is Southern Water doing to support the ban on microbeads entering the oceans? We don't know if legislation will go ahead in this parliament but more publicity is needed by companies like Southern Water to persuade the public to buy non microbead products.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-next-steps-to-ban-microbeads>

<https://chemicalwatch.com/54129/microbeads-ban-in-uk-cosmetics-products-expected-by-july-2018>

Microfibres

What research work is Southern Water carrying out to understand how we can filter out or remove microfibres from our wastewater and sewage?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-39217985>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jun/20/microfibers-plastic-pollution-oceans-patagonia-synthetic-clothes-microbeads>

Pesticides

Are Southern Water producing information for farmers like this example?

<http://www.amenityforum.co.uk/downloads/Presentations/Events2016Presentations/AmenityEvent07.04.16.pdf>

Are Southern Water campaigning for the tightening of the 'pesticide approval procedure'?

Would Southern Water support this initiative?:- http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-28_en.htm

Renewable Energy

You say you are reducing carbon footprint and reducing global emissions by investing in renewable energy schemes on sites but your target of 17% renewable energy is far too low.

Pollution in Bathing Water

You say you will continue to investigation what causes pollution in the bathing waters around our coastline but I understand Southern Water still have outflows pumping raw sewage into the sea. See:

http://www.theargus.co.uk/news/8182858.Sewage_pumped_into_sea_near_Sussex___s_finest_beaches/

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-33780203>

Southern Water need to ramp up their programme for removing raw sewage outflows.

Kind Regards

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