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Dear Sam

Walltown Craggs Quarry – Visitors Centre

I write to confirm that in respect of the proposed borehole, we have carried out limited desktop investigations via our specialist contractor and installer to assess the ground conditions on the site. In addition, previous historical data in connection with a borehole sunk at Walltown Lodge (B&B) CA8 7JD, by the same specialist contractor who has been investigating this matter on our Client's behalf, has been used to consider the viability of the borehole in the position indicated on our planning drawings.

A new borehole is required, as the current borehole is too close to the existing outfall from the package treatment plant. We are also advised by the Client that the existing borehole has been sunk to too shallow a depth, resulting in higher than appropriate levels of minerals in the water extracted. The new borehole will result in improved water quality to the Visitors Centre and reduced costs associated with the running and maintenance of any water treatment equipment.

I can advise that the Environment Agency are also currently aware of our intention to sink a new borehole as this information has been alluded to on our 'Licence to Discharge' application submitted and currently under review and assessment by this body.

The new borehole will be positioned some 52 metres from the existing package treatment outfall and as a consequence will not be affected by any discharges from this plant. We attach our Environmental Management System site layout drawing (140040-31) which shows the positions of existing and proposed apparatus, boreholes and outfalls.

Should you have any queries regarding the attached information, please contact us.

Yours sincerely


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