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Subject: Firefighting Foam, Water Supply, Clinical Commissioning Plans, Cumulative Impact, Local Plan

Dear Pins

Current situation 27th April 2019

- (1) I understand that the Inspector for local plan housing has called on Southern Water and Thanet District Council for a report on reliability, safety and quality of Thanet water supply
- (2) Thanet District Council is still defying the Information Commissioner by refusing to answer a number of FOIs about Environmental Hazards to Health
- (3) Southern Water re Manston aquifer and Lord of Manor water abstraction have answered FOI after four months

Dear Mr Card

The Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Request for Information - Reference: 8001615173

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 12 February 2019. I am very sorry that you did not receive a response within our 20 day timeframe. This was due to an administrative error on our part and I'm sorry for this. We have dealt with your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. This letter provides the response to your request, which reads as follows:

I now need a specific answer re the toxic chemicals in fire fighting foam used at airport and fire school at Manston over the aquifer please. This is for submission to national planning re Manston compulsory purchase application

Could you disclose what testing you do for the firefighting foam toxic legacy and the results of such tests and any problems re the chemicals being toxic below minimum detection threshold.

I can confirm that Southern Water does hold information of the type you have requested.

We are aware of the generic formulations of modern firefighting foams and hold copywrite material on the toxicity for many of the chemical compounds they contain. The chemical compounds of most concern have been studied for several years and well validated analytical methods are available which can detect concentrations below the Suggested No Adverse Response Level (SNARL). However we are unable to give specific information for Manston

Airport as testing hadn't been carried out recently as the site has not been in use.

We are unable to carry out a test at this time as the sample would not be representative of normal operational conditions, the volume of the adit is large and it would need over ten days continuous pumping to turnover the volume of the adit.

(4) So we are none the wiser about the toxic hazard to health of firefighting foam accessing Thanet Water Supply

(5) Regulation 8 imposes a duty on local authorities to provide information and advice to certain persons and bodies within their area in order to promote the preparation of, or participation in, health protection arrangements against threats to the health of the local population, including infectious disease, environmental hazards and extreme weather events

In the NHS CCG planning process there is clearly statutory common ground with the planning and the environmental protection statutory duties of local authorities.

I have reported the long standing breaches of the NHS planning duties, by KCC and TDC, to the Secretary of State for Health.

(6) I will now ask the Chief constable, in the slow moving economic crime unit inquiry re Manston acquisition plans from 2014 to present, to consider that fraud allegations are accompanied by intent to endanger life. I am amazed at how many years have gone by and how much ostensibly compliant planning process has occurred while avoiding cumulative impact study, precautionary principle and the self evident hazard to health from firefighting foam residue.

(7) There is still no calculation for initial toxic load at Manston or at Sericol or at Westwood or at Pegwell Bay. My recommendation to Sec of State for Health as far as firefighting foam and Manston are concerned is that blood tests should be conducted. I imagine the planning process re Manston broke the duty to put the hazards to health issues before Public Health England

(8) I have cited as the overarching "Health inequality" in Thanet is the area does not enjoy international article 11 rights to safe water. That includes patients and staff at QEQM Hospital.

I apologise again that [REDACTED] last September so just writing the best I can

Kind regards Richard