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Dear Planners

I called in DEFRA Drinking Water Inspectorate, re Manston aquifer, July 2019. Resulting in a ban on its use as a drinking water source.

DEFRA first issued warnings, re PFOA persistent toxic residue of firefighting foam, in 2007. Thanet District Council took no action such as under their controlled waters duties Environmental Protection Act 1990.

The then new Public Health England issued PFOA warnings 2009. Again TDC ignored the warnings.

Southern Water have never tested the aquifer for PFOA. When DWI contacted them July/August 2019 it transpired that Southern Water had not collated risk assessment reports for use of the aquifer. This is astonishing as it means a whole National Planning process and a call for water quality reports from local plan inspector were responded to by Southern Water and TDC without even collating the risk assessments or disclosing there had never been tests for PFOA.

As you know in May 2019 United Nations upgraded PFOA hazard to health to max toxicity under Stockholm Convention. And DEFRA enforcement begins about a year hence. There is no mention of this in RSP construction phase planning.

The planning appears to be to make intrusive tests and feign surprise if results emerge that may require lifting the runway and excavation for example.

You are aware there is a Kent police economic crime unit inquiry marking time over the Manston acquisition. Now added to this as an intelligence report is crime complaint against former TDC leader alleging that , by concealment of toxic environmental hazards to health, he broke laws of statutory reporting to the NHS CCG planning process.

Yours faithfully Richard Card