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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Douglas,

Ardersier Waste Water Treatment

Whilst I thank you for your comprehensive response to my queries relating to the Ardersier Waste Water Treatment, your letter does not address all of the specific concerns I raised in regards to proper and full consultation with the community.

As discussed, when we met, I appreciate that these works have long-standing planning permission however it is not advisable to continue with this project without listening to and considering the views of the local community. It is, therefore, vital that a new consultation be undertaken and whilst this is underway a pause is put on any planned works.

With this in mind, I do recognise that Scottish Water are already hosting several information events however this style of event does not adequately enable the community to express their views and have confidence that their wishes are being taken into consideration.

I also recognise that there was some consultation throughout the period of 2007 to 2010 however much time has passed since and the terms and projections on which the original application was granted have changed

It is quite clear that the community still have not had the required reassurance over these proposed works and local people are clearly united against this proposal under the current circumstances. Fairness and transparency must be of paramount consideration in this situation - especially given the length of time since planning permission was awarded.

I therefore ask that an immediate pause to works be put in place and for the required information to be provided - on the terms requested by the community.

It may help your understanding of the issues if you could be available to meet with me and some representatives of the community to highlight, more directly, their ongoing concerns and to consider their alternative suggestions.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Drew Hendry', with a horizontal line underneath.

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