

Dear Mr Holt

I appreciate your concern and I am referring this matter to our senior officers in the appropriate department with the appropriate expertise for a response . As one of three ward councillors for Todmorden I have not personally had anyone raise this issue so I am copying in my colleagues . I am also copying in the appropriate Cabinet members and hopefully we can get a considered appraisal re this issue

Regards

Cllr Susan Press

Sent from my iPhone

On 15 Aug 2019, at 10:10, Jack Holt <[admin@todmorden-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@todmorden-tc.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Cllr Susan Press, Craig Whittaker,

I am writing on behalf of Todmorden Town Council's Development Committee to see if you would be in favour of writing a joint letter to Calderdale Council in regards to the issue detailed below:

As it currently stands most houses in Todmorden have 'Sump Pumps', these are essentially pumps that remove water from peoples cellars if they become flooded. However, currently they are pumping ground water out into the street on a regular basis, this causes undesirable conditions for residents and poses a health and safety risk. It has been reported that said pumps are actually sometimes pumping contaminated sewer water onto the streets.

This excess water that is being pumped into peoples back yards and streets is a severe risk in two ways. One, if this is still continuing by winter then the risk it causes for when it freezes over and the access it inhibits could be severe, even now people on mobility scooters struggle to get past the pools of water accumulated in their own street. Two, the impact it may have on peoples health as it is contaminated water cannot be ignored. Sewer water collecting in front of peoples houses has caused concerns from residents.

If at all possible we request that a letter supported by all three parties included in this email is sent to Calderdale Council in order to see what can be done to resolve this rather serious matter.

Kind Regards,

Jack Holt

Administrative Assistant

Mayoral Secretary

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(Please Note my working Days are Monday to Thursday)

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