

Staveley with Ings Parish Council

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Press Statement from Staveley with Ings Parish Council, 30.7.21

Council calls Time on Unacceptable Sewage Discharge

Staveley with Ings Parish Council has declared a moratorium on village development that threatens to worsen the unacceptable discharge of raw sewage on to its village streets. The effect of more frequent extreme weather and a growing village has seen a significant increase in incidents of sewage erupting from highways' manholes at several sites. The unsightly and unpleasant discharge threatens both human health and protected species as it ends up in nearby rivers.

The unanimous decision follows a detailed report from the Council's Flood and Sewage Task Group setting out the causes of the problem and the declared view of United Utilities that Staveley is not worth the £2 million investment needed to resolve it. But the Council is determined to fight this and has set out details of how any new planning development that risks making the situation worse will not be supported.

Vice Chair of the Parish Council Anne Salisbury says: 'We are not against development as such. The village has benefitted from this over the years but we are no longer prepared to have sewage on our streets during heavy rain.'

Flood and Sewage Task Group Lead, Arthur Capstick says: 'There is clear evidence that sewage discharge is increasing. We live in a National Park and a World Heritage Site. It is the 21st century. How can it be at all acceptable that we have raw sewage on our streets? Meanwhile, United Utilities pays out millions in dividends year after year. It is high time they delivered for their customers.'

Attached:

Sewage Report, agreed by Staveley with Ings Parish Council, 5.7.21

Criteria for implementation agreed by Staveley with Ings Parish Council, 26.7 21

Staveley with Ings Parish Council Minutes, 5.7.21 and 26.7.21