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Dear Richard

Via email:

Thank you for your response, and I understand our Leader Cllr Emily Smith has requested a meeting with Thames Water to discuss wider concerns accordingly. But, in the first instance, noting your comment about rainfall and Farmoor, I have huge concerns around the Ecological Impacts to Letcombe Brook as well as other tributaries and aguifers (like our Chalk Streams), noting the impact comments in the application and from Ricardo (your consultant). How will you mitigate these issues, what is the reality of the impact at Letcombe Brook? What monitoring will you be doing? What is the frequency of this modelling? The reasons I ask is the council supports conservation and education work on the Letcombe Brook.

Also can I please ask what was the volume of Leakage at the two recent incidents at Heyford Hill and Botley? What was the impact on Farmoor Reservoir levels as a result of the Heyford Hill leak? I understand from Twitter and Official Thames Water responses that there was a delay to refilling the system due to the reservoir 'failing', please can you inform me as to what failed and why?

Also in the drought permit Thames Water states that its failed in leak repairs, in fact is 23% over the target. What is the time scale for bringing this back to target levels and what are Thames Water leak targets for the next 10 years – annually please.

Thank you in advance

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