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Sent: 23 December 2019 14:58
To: WitneyTCInfo <info@witney-tc.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Advice on swimming in rivers

FAO John Hickman

Dear John

I thought I would update you on the latest position at Witney Sewage Treatment works. Environment Agency Officers have attended today following reports over the weekend of sewage discharges to the Colwell Brook from the sewage works.

They have confirmed that the sewage works is discharging following the recent heavy rain. The impact they have found has been similar to that we reported to you in November. There is sewage fungus in the Colwell Brook and Emma's Dyke, but the impact not seen beyond the confluence with the River Windrush.

Our position remains the same as outlined to you in November.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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From: Bee, Lucy
Sent: 20 November 2019 10:20
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Subject: Advice on swimming in rivers

FAO of John Hickman

Dear John

Further to our conversation, the Environment Agency can only advise on the risk to wildlife and environment.

There is joint advice from Public Health England and Environment Agency on the risks for people of swimming in rivers:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/swim-healthy-leaflet/swim-healthy>

I am not aware of any advice for dogs, the only suggestion I have is that it might be worth asking West Oxfordshire District Council.

Call me if you think there is anything else I can advise you on.

Yours sincerely

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