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Dear Ms. Benton,

Thank you for the opportunity to make representations on the implications of the National Planning Policy Framework for the Wealden District (Incorporating Part of the South Downs National Park) Core Strategy.

Paragraph 109 of the Framework states that: *"The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by...preventing ..new.development from...being put at unacceptable risk from..pollution".* Annex 2 of the Framework confirms that pollution in this circumstance includes odour.

Southern Water is concerned that the Core Strategy's strategic site SD1 (land west of Uckfield) could be at unacceptable risk from unpleasant odours that inevitably arise from Uckfield Wastewater Treatment Works. We raised this issue in our representations to the Core Strategy, but we have not identified a proposed modification to address this concern.

We consider that this approach is contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework.

Yours sincerely

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