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(Bexhill and Battle)



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Our Ref: HM32318

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Dear David,

Re: SE Water resilience and infrastructure improvements

I am following up on our correspondence earlier this year to ask for an update on SE Water's resilience and infrastructure improvement projects and how these will be implemented in the Bexhill and Battle constituency.

I note from our last correspondence, your letter of 20 February 2023, that SE Water has installed a permanent extra generator at the Powdermill treatment site in the event of power loss or equipment failure. Could you confirm if all SE Water stations in the Bexhill and Battle constituency now have back up generators in place and if you have an effective communications plans in place with UK Power Networks to prioritise re-connections to SE Water pumping stations in the event of major power loss across the area?

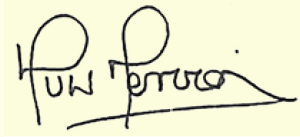
I am encouraged by the progress which SE Water has been made in partnership working with the Local Resilience Forum to help deal more effectively with major water loss events. I would welcome an update on how this partnership is continuing to progress and whether you continue to develop working relationships with parish councils and other stakeholders.

You previously referenced three local projects which were about to be undertaken to improve resilience. I should be grateful for an update on these and any further projects which are being planned or underway in the Bexhill and Battle constituency. As consumer bills were increased to improve infrastructure and resilience, my constituents are keen to hear how this is being invested. I shared my constituents' frustration over this summer's local hosepipe ban in East Sussex and Kent after a period of hot weather. It's necessity appeared to highlight a lack of capacity in SE Water's infrastructure to meet household demand. Customers of other water companies were not impacted.

I look forward to receiving a response from you that I can share with my constituents and would be happy to arrange a meeting to discuss this further.

Please reply to: Constituency Office, 29-31 Sea Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1EE
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Huw Merriman".

Huw Merriman
Member of Parliament for Bexhill and Battle