

20 September 2023

Cllr Dr Christine Tyrie
Chair
Cresswell Parish Council
c/o 4 Home Farm Cottages
Cresswell
Northumberland
NE61 5UL

Dear Cllr Tyrie

Thank you for your letter of 7 September sent to Heidi Mottram regarding effluent discharge into the River Lyne. Heidi has asked me to respond on behalf of Northumbrian Water.

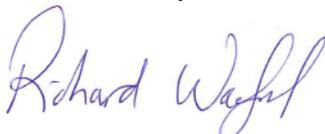
The discharge referred to is the final treated effluent from Lynemouth Sewage Treatment Works. The effluent is fully compliant with the permit issued by the Environment Agency (EA) to protect the receiving water course and is monitored closely. We have discharged at this point since the Treatment Works was built and since that time we have carried out a number of improvements to the site; most recently in August of this year we completed a major refurbishment of the assets to ensure they are resilient for the future. All of this work is carried out in consultation with the EA.

We of course recognise the concern that local people would have if the effluent is not being dispersed at the estuary in the way that would be expected due perhaps to the formation of sand banks. However, we do not have any remit to carry out any work in the river, which is managed by the EA.

Should the EA or the council wish to address any potential issues, we would of course be happy to engage constructively with them and other stakeholders to consider how we could assist.

I hope this helps explain our position, but please do get in touch if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely



Richard Warneford
Wastewater Director