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**From:** Olly Foster  
**Sent:** 04 October 2022 09:08  
**To:** Rob Smith  
**Cc:** Chris France  
**Subject:** Anglo American Application

Dear Rob

There is more information needed on this application and I am far from satisfied.

Please take this as notice that Egton Estate FIRMLY OBJECT to this proposal.

There is not the required infrastructure in place or even proposed, for treatment of sewage and clean water for the 400 temporary workers.

This is totally unacceptable for the environment in todays age and is of grave concern for those that live within the National Park, visit it and the nature that depends on it. It's impact on our business is also potentially devastating in respect of what is urgently required to prevent sewage escapes from manholes and which has been reported regularly since 1996.

Best Wishes

Olly

O C Foster MRICS  
Egton Estate

**From:** Olly Foster  
**Sent:** 30 September 2022 09:24  
**To:** Rob Smith  
**Subject:** Fwd: Update

Dear Rob

There are matters associated with The Ladycross Application which are material considerations and they MUST be addressed.

I have spent hundreds and hundreds of hours, over the last 7 years, since Managing Egton Estate, pushing for change and improvements. Much of this has been with your conservation department and Briony more specifically.

There has been zero plant and infrastructure improvements, necessary to bring up to date the plant and infrastructure needed for the current capacity of the system, let alone the impact of the new development.

Naturally you may say this is Yorkshire Water's problem and they are happy. That is what one would expect isn't it? This isn't the right way for NYMNPA to deal with it, on the basis that NYMNPA have been made aware of the environmental impact of plant and infrastructure. It therefore needs addressing and sorting out now.

I am forwarding on herewith some of the issues that I have been dealing with. By way of infrastructure projects. This particular one below deals nicely with the plant and infrastructure problem. I have zero confidence in what I am being told by YW and the potential impact on the environment is therefore alarming. Videos will follow.

I would like, please, to arrange a site visit with your team, including Briony and Chris, so I can explain in more detail how the system works and what the material considerations are.

I have separately done an FOI request to get more detail from the EA on illegal discharges and storm water discharges. This scheme cannot be approved before this FOI request has been made. Please can you confirm if you have made your own FOI request to establish the impact on the Egton Bridge plant and infrastructure?

Please can you confirm if you have had sight of the pollution incident as recently as July here at Egton Manor?

Best wishes

Olly

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On 16 Jun 2021, at 11:28, Roisin Dennis  
wrote:

Hello

I have passed your email on to our customer service team a  
colleague will be in touch in due course.

Kind regards

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**From:** Olly Foster  
**Sent:** 16 June 2021 11:05  
**To:** Roisin Dennis  
**Cc:** John Wallis  
**Subject:** Update

EXTERNAL SOURCE - THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK

Hi Roisin

I hope you are keeping well.

At our site meeting, with my agent John Wallis from GSC Grays, we asked the question as to whether enclosed manhole covers could be installed to keep the sewage in the pipe and prevent it coming out and flowing down the Toll Road and across the Egton Manor Park. A Yorkshire Water attendee, whose name I forget, who is responsible for managing the treatment plants in our region, explained that if that were to happen, it would only cause an overloading problem elsewhere on the system. Naturally if this happened in the Woodyard, there was a perceived danger that Egton Manor could get flooded out with sewage waste.

I would like to record that stench plates and new manhole covers were actually fitted and installed by Yorkshire Water in March time, shortly after our site meeting.

I have alerted our insurers.

I am concerned that the overloaded system that it is, is now discharging more regularly into the river at the back of the public toilets from the holding tank which takes on road fully water and sewage from Broom House Lane. At this location, which we monitor regularly, we stopped it happening some 3 years ago following complaints from some of my fishermen.

As it happens, I got Andrew Walker from Yorkshire Water involved some 3 years ago and it was my understanding this practice, at this location, had stopped. Andrew had stopped it happening though at the time, it was my understanding the overflow was related to the public toilets. Do you have a licence to discharge at this point and please can you provide me with a copy of that licence.

I reported this through to the Environment Agency a week ago because we spotted toilet paper and faeces left on the side of our private path, used by fishermen, shortly after the last flood some 3 weeks ago. It was disgusting and unacceptable.

It would seem logical that to prevent the system overloading Onto the Toll Road further, that the system needs to let pressure out elsewhere abs offload it's excess capacity it can't cope with.

We have been monitoring this discharge point very closely over the last 3 years and there is no evidence to say it has been discharging onto our path and into the river some 12 inches beyond. As far as I was concerned , there was never a Storm Overflow consent here, hence why it was stopped some 3 years ago. Again, please confirm if I have got this wrong.

We are swimming regularly in the river just 100 metres downstream from this location, as a consequence of recently letting out our river lodge.

Separately, we have got concerns over the subsidence we saw together behind the treatment plant and the cracks in the brick work on the South elevation of one of the tanks. Please can you confirm whether the contents of this tank are escaping into the river or not and indeed whether or not urgent remedial work should take place to prevent it happening and to shore up the bank that is slipping, possibly as a

consequence of your gabion basket failure. We believe that further erosion will take place as a consequence of the gabion basket failure.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes

Olly

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**From:** Olly Foster  
**Date:** 29 July 2022 at 13:16:14 BST  
**To:** Andrew Walker  
**Subject:** Egton Estate

Dear Andrew

I hope you are keeping well.

The Estate yesterday had what was deemed initially, a red light pollution event, in the stream just off the Toll Road, in front of Egton Manor. The main sewage pipe, within Egton Estate woodland leading from Egton Village, adjacent to the Cleveland Guidehouse on Egton Bank, had been leaking for some time (from a manhole) and was finding it's way over a field, underneath the railway and into the Manor Park Stream and into the main river. I attach images of what was found yesterday. It is not very pretty. There was a very similar event only 3 years ago, with a blockage within this woodland that led to a section of the pipe being lined. It had fractured due to tree roots. I am aware that YW have flow meters on the network so I am confused why so much sewage has escaped for so long. These flow meters were installed to measure and manage storm water discharges and manhole discharges in high rain fall events.

Your very helpful team attended promptly yesterday and unblocked the sewer and took water readings. Some work is required, I understand in the sewer because rags were getting caught up. I was advised that the concentration of sewage was as little as 4.8mg per litre (when it was coming into the stream) and it wasn't as damaging as initially thought. There is no obligation on YW to clean up, engage ecologists or establish the impact on biodiversity in this important wild fishery we are all working so incredibly hard (and passionately!) to improve and restore. I am not an ecologist but I can't begin to imagine the impact this has had on the river ecology,

particularly the stream, which hosts wild sea trout spawning in November and which currently has juvenile sea trout within it, maturing. I am passionate about the river, the species that live within it (many in decline) and I strive to improve and protect it. Water quality is what we are all striving to improve. In so many ways, this event, and the others reported by me on this specific network, associated with manholes discharging in rainfall, and those on the other assets in the catchment, undo the vital work we are all doing in the catchment, to improve water quality. Water course fencing, fresh water pearl mussel recovery, salmon and sea trout surveys, river fly monitoring, just to name a few. Your team have been vital, I know, in facilitating much needed funding for very specific and targeted projects. It was only last year, I engaged RA Dalton, at Egton Manor to install a pumping station to replace the existing septic tank. As a result of network discharge from a manhole on the Toll Road, following its installation, I believe this wasn't the best money spent by the Estate, to do the right thing by installing a pumping station. There is a No Return Valve on the pumping station. The irony of course is that in so many ways, your helpful funding would be best dealt with from a water quality perspective, targeting 'wins' on the YW network such as storing storm water for longer, on adjoining land and thoroughly investigating how so much water is getting into the network. This specific network is a foul sewer (looking at a conveyance granted by my grandfather) and I am at odds to understand the complex web of issues that is going on. What I do know is that each treatment plant could store storm water on adjacent land and this would add so much to biodiversity and in so many ways, solve the crisis of manhole discharges and storm water discharges from plant assets. Additionally, I would imagine in a foul only sewer, the raw sewage could be treated more effectively and properly. This specific network has had manhole discharge issues since 1994. The events reported are similar, even today.

I sit on the Esk Catchment Partnership as you know, alongside Ben Aston from YW and along with the EA and North York Moors National Park. YW have made significant contributions towards projects. I truly believe events such as this, along with a clear history of manhole and storm water discharges, are undermining the enormous amount of work done in the catchment. I am very concerned indeed.

I feel very passionately that a lot could be gained and achieved from a high level site meeting to look at this particular event yesterday, but also the many events that have caused manhole discharges and storm discharges from the network leading to the Egton Bridge treatment plant. Danby, Glaisdale and the other plant assets have a similar record of storm water discharges and it is therefore a catchment wide issue, affecting the whole catchment.

I would be delighted to host a high level meeting here to discuss this, with the National Park and the Environment Agency, combined with the key catchment priorities that you and I have discussed before.

I look forward to hearing from you.

O C Foster MRICS  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Olly Foster"

**Date:** 5 May 2022 at 11:15:45 BST

**Subject:** Egton Manor - sewage spill

Dear Louise

Thank you for ringing me. It was an incredibly bad line and I found it difficult to hear you.

I am attaching a photograph of the new manhole which discharged rag and storm water last night. The manhole is located immediately outside Egton Manor and is new because it is located immediately next to the main Yorkshire Water sewer serving our new pumping station at Egton Manor. It is my understanding, from RA Dalton, who installed our pumping station that Yorkshire Water manage this new manhole.

The rags and sewage were discharging directly into the salmon and sea trout spawning stream and I didn't manage to take the picture until this morning, after the event.

This main sewage pipe, leading to the Yorkshire Water treatment plant, has been a problem area for discharging sewage from the manholes along this section, in storm conditions, since 1993. Yes 1993! Discharges from this main sewage are frequent and I believe this is contributing negatively to the ecology of this important spate river migratory salmonid fishery. I will continue to report this matter to the EA Hotline in the hope that something is done about it.

Best Wishes

Olly

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**From:** Incident Communication Service

**Date:** 7 August 2021 at 00:18:38 BST

**To:** Olly Foster

**Subject:** RE: 01979247 - Manholes overflowing

Hello,

Thank you for your email:

This has now been forwarded to the duty officer in your area for their assessment.

Kind regards,

Leanne

Customer Service Advisor, Incident Communication Service - ICS

Contact Centre Services - Part of Operations, Regulation & Customer

**From:** Olly Foster ]  
**Sent:** 06 August 2021 23:02  
**To:** Incident Communication Service

**Subject:** Fwd: 01979247 - Manholes overflowing

Dear Sir / Madam or possibly Steve because you kindly rang me this afternoon and you may be dealing with this.

I have met a helpful Yorkshire Water guy (Lee) on-site, at 9pm this evening doing some ammonia tests in the stream some 3 hours after the pollution incident. He was interested why the pool in stream just above where the sewage entered, was cloudy and had silt in it. I explained that this was because the Silt on the bed of this pool can take a number of hours to settle again after heavy rain and an elevation in water levels. The water above it was running clear into the pool some 5 hours after the pollution incident was reported.

It has become very clear to me that for whatever reason, there could be a disagreement over whether this was a pollution incident or not.

For the avoidance of any doubt, I am attaching a photograph of the rags and waste around the new second manhole lid on the Toll Road, taken at 1617 this afternoon, opposite the new one that was lifting in my video. The second photograph is of the Yorkshire Water technician undertaking tests at 2111 this evening, nearly 5 hours after the incident was reported.

On a separate note, the pool I refer to in this note is where there are approximately 10 sea trout juveniles. I am fascinated by the river and I find this



very upsetting.

I have left the technician this evening who claims he will take away the debris from the pollution incident.

Best Wishes

Olly





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From: **Olly Foster**

Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2021 at 16:53

Subject: 01979247 - Manholes overflowing

To:

Dear Sir / Madam

Please see the attached video clip briefly showing two manholes cover leaks on the Toll Road at Egton Bridge. This is a repetitive problem abs we want it addressing.

The new black manhole leads up from our brand new pumping station, installed only 4 weeks ago. It goes without saying that having got this new system installed at considerable expensive, to replace a septic tank system, we are horrified that we have crap everywhere at the entrance to our field. It is revolting and the the effluent is polluting our stream where the juvenile sea trout are current growing and living.

It goes without saying that this single incident has resulted in direct sewage effluent flowing into an important migratory Salmon and sea trout fishery that we are striving to improve, from a brand new pumping station that was an initiative to 'comply' yet the situation is now worse than it was before!

We desperately need this mater addressing.

Best Wishes

Olly

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**Date:** 6 August 2021 at 16:53:25 BST  
**To:**  
**Subject:** 01979247 - Manholes overflowing

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**From:** Olly Foster  
**Sent:** 30 September 2022 09:26  
**To:** Rob Smith <  
**Subject:** Fwd: Update on Toll Road manhole leaks

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Olly Foster  
**Date:** 6 January 2021 at 16:47:26 GMT  
**To:** Victoria Ellwood  
**Subject: Update on Toll Road manhole leaks**

Dear Victoria

We have established, yesterday, that the Postgate inn at Egton Problem is causing the problem with an illegal top water drain into their sewage connection.

Please can we have assurances that Danny, Dave and Roger (who are working on this and who uncovered it yesterday) through which ever YW team, will use their enforcement powers immediately to cut off this illegal drain, exacerbating the problem?

The Estate will continue to gather evidence of nuisance and pollution and will be reporting further issues using photography and video through to the EA Hotline.

Best Wishes

Olly

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Olly Foster <  
**Date:** 16 February 2020 at 11:37:51 GMT  
**To:** Egton Estate  
**Subject:** Salmon River Pollution incident

Dear Robert

The sewer manhole covers on the Toll Road, Egton Bridge, running alongside Egton Manor and leading to the Yorkshire Water Treatment plant, have been lifting in storm conditions because of blockages and because the diameter of the main sewer pipe is not big enough. The pipe, I am told by an engineers is broken.

I have spent some time, over the last 5 years, as Trustee of the Yorkshire Esk Rivers Trust, raising issues about the treatment plants in the Esk Valley, it's storm water discharge and it's capacity to cope with the growing number of properties and seasonal fluctuations in volume.

I have had a meeting with senior people at Yorkshire Water to discuss an option for them to take a field adjacent to the plant for a reed bed and that was not taken up. Their discharge point, established in 1969 when the plant was put in, was, at that time discharging into the river but now, it isn't because the river has changed course. Yorkshire Water claim they have no legal obligations to change the location of their discharge point because that is nature.

We have had 3 events in the last 9 days, where storm water including foreign materials have been pouring out of 3 manholes on the Toll Road and into the stream that runs through the Manor Park.

The Toll Road is a busy permissive bridleway and naturally the sewage is a hazard to families and dogs using it. The issues have not at all coincided with storm conditions and a tanker has been twice to extract silt and broken pipe from the pipe. It hasn't made any difference. The broken pipe has been omitted from one of the reports which suggests to me that is the issue but YE are claiming now it is just silt and natural. All three events have been reported to the EA, with video footage.

Last year, we had a lot of sewage higher up the hill escaping from a broken pipe and eventually with a lot of pushing and shoving, YW lined the pipe and cut out the tree roots beforehand.

The solution is very simple and involves a full appraisal of this asset, it's capacity, it's holding tanks and upgrading the pipe to a larger 12" diameter. I hope the EA will do something but at this stage, I have heard absolutely nothing from the EA. I only have contacts at the EA fisheries department and whenever I liaise with them about it, they claim it isn't a fisheries matter. There appears to be absolutely no team working within the EA, to effectively arrive at the same outcomes. In this instance, surely salmon and sea trout numbers are a linked to clean water, YW assets, their function and regulation.

On all three occasions I contact the EA incident hotline over the last 9 days, I am asked if there are any signs of fish deaths. When YE have turned up twice in the last 9 days to extract silt and pipe, they want to know where the salmon river is. On one occasion, because the water is now passing into a newly formed sink hole, I am asked where the sink hole water is likely to go it. It is as if they don't believe me and want me to prove it is going into the salmon river watercourse, some 40 metres away.

Naturally with salmonids and migratory species, it isn't the fish deaths that one would see and even when we have had hundreds of fish deaths, around the Egton bridge area, I am told that Egton Dam is causing them stress and is the barrier to migration causing them the problem.

I'm not quite sure what I can do but I would be grateful if this could be raised in parliamentary questions to challenge how our rivers are managed, how the EA are fulfilling their statutory obligations together with the regulation of our water companies.

Best Wishes

Olly Foster