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FM Conway Roadstone Coating and Tarmac Plants, Hayes

Dear Ian,

I am sure that you are well aware of the long-standing concerns that exist in both our boroughs over tar-like odours, apparently arising from the above industrial plant in Hayes, and causing discomfort and loss of quality of life for our residents.

The Conway and two Tarmac plants sit on the borough boundary, and these odours are often experienced by Ealing residents living in Southall. I am aware that officers from our two boroughs have sought to work together on this issue, and that there was occasional correspondence between our predecessors as leaders. However, odours apparently emanating from the Conway and Tarmac plants continue to occur with regularity.

I do not raise the Conway and Tarmac issues in order to divert from other sources of odour and pollution in Southall, including the Gasworks redevelopment site. I am determined that under my leadership we will work alongside the local community to find ways to tackle these issues in Southall, improve quality of life and provide reassurance through independent monitoring.

However, there are many occasions when odours are reported from Southall residents when the location and meteorological conditions indicate clearly that the source is almost certainly the Conway or Tarmac plants.

As you will be all too aware, our powers to intervene with an industrial operator in another borough are very limited, regardless of the nuisance being caused to our residents. In this case, we are reliant on LB Hillingdon to take a proactive role in relation to the regulation of the Conway and Tarmac plants.



I would be grateful for details of all recent inspections of the Conway and Tarmac sites and the outcomes; details of how Hillingdon has responded to complaints of odours from Conway and Tarmac, whether received from your own residents or those of other boroughs.

I would also ask for your assistance in ensuring that we can develop a close working relationship with relevant officers in our two boroughs so that cross-border issues can be addressed quickly and the impact on Ealing residents is taken into account in actions taken by Hillingdon in respect to these plants.

I'd be happy to meet to discuss these issues, and any joint approach we may need to make to national regulatory or governmental organisations to address these ongoing odour issues.

Yours sincerely,

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