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For the attention of Chief Executive Officer Luis Garcia
Cc Chris Curling, Director; Robert Davis, Director.

Dear Mr Garcia,
Stowey Quarry, Stowey Road, Bishop Sutton, Bristol

I am writing to you to express real concern for the safety of the water quality at Chew Valley Lake.

The hilltop Quarry site was a subject to a Planning Appeal and decision by the Secretary of State in 2014 in relation to depositing asbestos and Hazardous Waste. An officer at Bristol Water, Martin Berry, gave helpful and constructive evidence at the Appeal. The Appeal was upheld and the only material allowed into the Quarry is inert waste (no asbestos).

There has been a long history of non compliance with planning conditions at this site.

The small Quarry has been open for about fifty years, firstly for the excavation of limestone for building in the locality and latterly for filling with specifically inert material. This meant that occasional lorries visited the site from the local area with some small loads of rubble, soil etc.

However, since the beginning of this year there has been a huge increase of activity at the site. Sealed, articulated lorries (travelling from Eastern Europe, Tilbury, Ireland, Scotland etc) have been queuing up at the entrance, three JCB diggers have been working non-stop covering whatever material the lorries have left at the Quarry. Locals have reported to the Council the strong odour that has come from some of these lorries and the smell coming from the Quarry. The Quarry site is being rapidly filled and at the current rate of filling is likely to be levelled in a few months time.

Bath and North East Somerset Council and the EA have visited the site and last week Lisa Bartlett, Divisional Director, Development at Banes wrote 'it is clear that there has been importation of some non-inert waste which has been mixed on site with inert spoil'.

I attach a copy of my e mail to Lisa Bartlett which expands further on our concerns for the locality and the potential for leachate to Chew Valley Reservoir via the water courses which drain down to the reservoir from this hilltop, limestone site.

Given the significance of the location of this Quarry in relation to Chew Valley Lake and the water courses into the Lake from land below and around this Quarry, we would request that you follow up on this concern and would ask to be updated on action, if any, that Bristol Water will take.

Yours sincerely

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Chairperson Stowey Sutton Action Group

Attachment: copy of letter to Lisa Bartlett dated 09.06.16