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Dear Cllr Oliver

Horse Hill Oil site, Sidlow

I am writing to you on behalf of Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council.

It's been brought to our attention, as no doubt it has been to yours, that the operator at Horse Hill has failed to file accounts on time. As I'm sure you were aware, the audit report last year was qualified on the basis of the material uncertainty around a going concern.

The court case that UKOG lost over a year ago, saw the company continue its operations until these were eventually stopped in October last year.

We are of course concerned as to who will be responsible for restoration of the asset in the event the company enters formal insolvency proceedings as the onus could then fall on SCC.

There have been extensive media reports of your enforcement action on the site, so we'd be grateful to understand whether you have the necessary plans in place to deal with restoration of the site should UKOG fail to obtain satisfactory planning consent or enter formal insolvency proceedings.

We know from other enforcement issues you've been dealing with, on land within the parish, that you prefer to keep the precise details confidential. However, we would like confirmation that you are indeed taking the possibility of corporate failure into account as there is a public safety issue regarding pollution from the site (above or below ground).

Can you please advise what practical steps are being put in place to protect the environment and, more importantly, the local residents?

We urgently await your response.

Yours sincerely.



Claire Minter
Clerk to Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council

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