

Date: 2nd March 2026

Bentham Town Council

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Councillors,

Firstly, we are looking forward to welcoming you to the Angus Fire facility tomorrow, where we will continue to provide you with further updates on the containment, characterisation and corrective action/remediation activities that have already taken place or that we have planned for 2026. I have summarised below the work being undertaken, including by our independent environmental consultants.

Containment

We continue to collect rainwater and surface water run-off and now have over 9.0 million litres stored on site. Weather conditions over the coming months will determine how much this level increases, but the management of such large volumes of stormwater continues to be a significant and ongoing challenge for the business.

As previously communicated, our stormwater treatment facility is fully commissioned and ready for use. However, until the Environment Agency completes its assessment of our permit variation application and makes its final determination, we are unable to discharge any processed water.

Characterisation

Characterisation activities are ongoing, with several projects continuing from last year, in addition to new initiatives commencing in 2026. These include a PFAS mass flux in groundwater study, a targeted unsaturated zone transport investigation and a targeted bedrock investigation. The results from these extensive workstreams will be communicated to the relevant authorities during 2026.

Once the characterisation activities have been completed, our environmental consultants will propose any corrective actions/remediation activities required in agreement with the Environment Agency and/or North Yorkshire Council.

Corrective Action/Remediation

Our objective remains the same: as characterisation evolves and we become aware of matters that require immediate corrective action and/or remediation, then in agreement with the Environment Agency and/or North Yorkshire Council, we will look to implement.

We fully recognise the concerns of the Bentham community, and we will continue to do our best to resolve these matters as quickly and as expediently as we can, and within regulatory constraints.



As always, we will continue to keep the Environment Agency, North Yorkshire Council and the Bentham Town Council fully updated on our progress as we work hard to better understand and resolve these issues.

Yours faithfully.

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