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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to express the concerns of a group of residents regarding the plans for the Toddbrook Reservoir.

Concerns were raised by this group at the last Town Council meeting in February regarding the overall safety of the dam and the investigations that have been done to ensure the core dam is structurally sound.

It is important that we bring these to your attention so that you can review and satisfy local residents regarding their concerns.

Residents are concerned that the dam has not been properly surveyed before the decision to site the overflow system was made. According to the plans the concrete will not be removed from the front of the dam to assess the damage to the clay core until after the overflow system is built. This has led residents to be concerned that the overflow system is not being based off the strength of the dam and that there could be safety issues with the reservoir being filled to a level which meets the overflow system as investigations under the concrete panels have not been carried out.

Residents would like to know exactly what safety assessments have been done on the dam itself to ensure that an incident would not happen again in the future.

Residents are also looking for confirmation that the whole reservoir system will be looked at including the drawdown valves and canal feed culverts. Comments have been made that the discharge valves need to be modernised and made safer. They have also asked that the operation and emergency procedures must be listed clearly in the Safety plan.

Other clarification has been requested on Vehicle access to the Head Weir which is not listed on the current plans and concerns about the installation of the rain gauges in the Todd brook watershed.

We have attached a note issued to the Town Council by a local resident listing some of the questions and concerns.

The Town Council would be most grateful if the CRT would please address these concerns so we can provide the concerned residents with this information and a response.

Yours Sincerely



Andrew Fox, Town Clerk