

## **Copy of email from Sarah Newton, MP, to Persimmon Homes**

I refer to the meeting held on 24th May attended by yourself and colleagues, Tony Arden from the Environment Agency, Peter Bainbridge of Cornwall Council, Cllr Bastin, the Friends of Tregoniggie Woods and Fiona Ferguson, who attended as my representative.

My understanding is that at that meeting Persimmon agreed:

1. within seven days to make an application to the Environment Agency for an environmental permit to deal with water from the site;
2. promptly to fence the upper part of the site in order to protect the banks of the Bickland stream; and
3. to take technical advice and update the site plan for avoiding pollution incidents, recognising that different action would be required during the construction period.

I was also very pleased to hear that Persimmon were supportive of the initiative of the community groups (including the Friends of Tregoniggie Woods) to make the Bickland Stream a green corridor.

However, I understand that no permit application ( see 1 above) has yet been made (the temporary permit to facilitate time to make an application for a full one having run out in April).

Further, (see 2 above) the upper part of the site is not yet fenced.

Finally, there was a further pollution incident last Friday. When the Environment Agency inspected the site on Friday they found that the stream is only visible in the upper part of the site, which suggests that it has been culverted, thereby cutting across the green corridor initiative referred to above.

This is extremely disappointing. From Persimmon's point of view it must also be concerning as it may ultimately lead to action being taken by the Environment Agency against Persimmon.

Fiona suggested that there should be a further meeting around 24th June to review progress but there seems to be (almost) none. I would be obliged if you would comment on this please.