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Your ref.	
Our ref.	PHEH/EP/JocoPit/Zone 1
Date	

Dear

**Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part2A
Investigation into landfill gas on the former Joco Pit landfill now comprising Tolsey
Mead and Eaglestone Close**

I am writing to tell you about some works that the Council needs to carry out as part of its ongoing monitoring of landfill gas on the former Joco Pit landfill, now comprising Tolsey Mead and Eaglestone Close.

Since 1991 the Council has been monitoring the former Joco Pit landfill site for the landfill gases Methane and Carbon Dioxide. Although gas has been found historically, recently one of the boreholes has shown an apparent increase in levels, whilst the other nearby has remained at a consistent level.

To investigate this further the Council appointed Leap Environmental Ltd to carry out a desk top study to ascertain the level of risk associated with this change. Unfortunately because only two of the original monitoring boreholes remain functional across the site there is insufficient data to create an adequate risk assessment. This means that we now have to investigate further. We will be installing eight new boreholes across the site and carrying out more monitoring as a precautionary measure, to collect additional data and ensure an adequate risk assessment is created. Leap Environmental has also been appointed to carry out this additional work.

As your house is within the area of the former Joco Pit site, we need to carry out the investigations around where you live. A plan showing the area is available to download from the web page below.

Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill,
West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ

Director of Planning, Housing & Environmental Health:
Steve Humphrey (MRTPI)

Have you tried
contacting us at
[www.tmbc.gov.uk/
do-it-online?](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/do-it-online?)

We need to identify 8 locations where boreholes will be installed and I would be grateful if you would give the Council permission to put a borehole in your front garden. The hole would not be large, and would be about the width of a drainpipe. At the same time as installing the borehole we will take some soil samples for laboratory testing. The more locations we have to choose from the better and quicker our investigation will be. I have included a form which I would be a grateful if you could fill in and send back to me letting me know if you are agreeable to having a borehole in your front garden.

If you agree to a borehole, and your property is chosen, a continuous gas monitoring instrument will be placed on top of the borehole for a period of one month. The instrument is located within a locked metal cylinder which is approximately 30cm in diameter and 1.3m high. After the first month the continuous monitor will be replaced with a flush fitting cover similar in size to a water stop cock cover will be put in place and spot monitoring will begin on a weekly basis for a further 2 month period. While Leap Environmental will be carrying out these works, Council officers will also be in attendance frequently on site.

Data obtained from this exercise will enable a suitable risk assessment to be created and enable the Council to make a decision as to whether or not further investigation and/or remedial work is required.

We are sure that you will have a lot of questions and concerns and to help answer these we have put a list of frequently asked questions on the web page below to help you. If you don't find the answer to your question there is also a dedicated email address you can use to send us other questions/queries and we do our best to answer them. Please email formerjocopit@tmbc.gov.uk. To allow us to respond to all enquiries as quickly as possible please use this email to talk to us.

We have arranged for Council Officers and representatives of Leap Environmental to be available at drop in sessions at Potters Mede pavilion on Wrotham Road where you can talk to us and ask us questions. Please come along on either **30 January between 6pm and 8pm or 1 February between 7pm and 9pm**.

We have also been in contact with your local Ward Councillors and with the Parish Council so that they are fully aware of what we are doing.

We know that this may be a worrying time for you and we will do our best to get the work done as quickly as we can. We will use a dedicated webpage to keep you up to date. Please access www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/pollution/pollution-control-contaminated-land/formerjocopit

You can also download all the finalised project documents and reports from the same page.

Yours faithfully

Crispin Kennard
Environmental Protection Team Manager

Permission to place a borehole in garden

I am happy for you put a borehole in my garden.

I do not want you to put a borehole in my garden.

Address of property concerned.

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Relationship to property

Owner

Occupier

My Contact details:

Name:

Address:

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Contact number:

Email address:

Signed: