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General Enquiry

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Hi James

Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding the discharge of wastewater from a small dog grooming business.

Discharges made from pet grooming and similar operations is considered to be trade effluent within the meaning of the Water Industry Act 1991, however, we believe that the activity poses a low environmental risk, and therefore does not require formal Consent to discharge, as long as the requirements below are complied with.

Our approach

We will not pursue an application for a trade effluent consent for the activity provided that:

- It does not contain gross solids such as faeces, excessive amounts of hair or other solid material which is likely to block the sewerage system.
- It is not discharged to the surface water system.
- The rate of flow does not surcharge local sewers and cause flooding.
- The discharge has all of the relevant mitigation measures in place to protect the free flow of the sewer network and thus complies with Section 111 of the Water Industry Act 1991

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We reserve the right to review this position at any time.

Enforcement

In not pursuing an application for a Consent we will not normally take enforcement action unless the discharge has caused, or is likely to cause, an impact on public health, Severn Trent's operations, or the environment.

We reserve the right to take any necessary enforcement action in cases where discharges are suspected of having a detrimental impact on public health, Severn Trent's operations, or the environment.

Hope this helps

Regards

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