

Good afternoon,!

You may have seen in the Whitby Gazette recently that we will be carrying out dye tests in the sea off the East Coast over the next few months. The environmentally friendly tests are being carried out in order for us to gain a greater understanding of how our outfalls can impact on the quality of local bathing water.

Through the dye testing we're monitoring how long it takes for different discharges to reach the sea and the effect of underwater currents and tides.

Tomorrow we will undertake a test release through our outfall beyond Whitby harbour before a full study is undertaken later next month. The dye may be visible from the cliff tops for a short period of time.

The dye will appear as large plumes of red water in the sea so we are keen to prevent any unnecessary alarm it may cause. We will contact the relevant media as and when tests are due to take place and will also ensure that you receive details of any tests due to be carried out in the Whitby area as you may be contacted by local residents.

We are planning to invest £110 million over the next five years to meet new environmental standards. This information will give us invaluable data which we will use to plan our future investment.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on [contact details available from Whitby Town Council on request].

Kind regards

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