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Ref: Letter to Mrs P J James 23/6/2009

1 July 2009

Mr Alan Watts
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Dear Mr Watts,

I refer to your letter dated 23 June 2009.

The importation of materials (consisting of purchased hardcore and top soils) to stabilise the land at the back of my property and other properties has been over a period of more than 30 years and has been absolutely necessary to avoid subsidence which would cause extensive damage to all the properties along Botany Bay Road.

As far as I am aware Southampton City Council own Botany Bay Road but did not install any surface or storm water drains thereby resulting in the water running from the road across mine and other properties. I know you have been considering the problems but the only solution is for a retainer wall to be built at the bottom of the gardens so that I can get the land levelled with purchased materials and proper drainage put in on the land. Southampton City Council would then as part of this programme put in proper surface water drains on the road itself to eliminate the problem altogether.

The above fundamental issues need to be addressed urgently now to avoid a health and safety disaster, also significant damage to property which the council would be responsible for.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P J James

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