

**RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10**

**COUNCIL – 25 OCTOBER 2023**

**QUESTION A**

**Councillor Ms Livesey to ask the Leader of the Council and Regulation and Safety Portfolio Holder, Councillor Poole:**

“There has been a recent report that National Highways is responsible for around 18,000 outfalls from roads into the nation’s rivers and waterways, yet National Highways does not routinely monitor the chemical composition of the road run-off, despite it including hydrocarbons, polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), microplastics and other pollutants. Nationally pollution from transport accounts for 18% of water pollution. Given that we have many roads overseen by National Highways in our borough, the Labour Group asks if the Leader of the Council will write to National Highways asking them how many outfalls they have on their roads in the borough which discharge into local waterways/ponds and their locations and to make the response publicly available?”

**Councillor Poole, Leader of the Council and Regulation and Safety Portfolio Holder, to reply as follows:**

“I and the Conservative Group share your concerns about pollution from the highway polluting our controlled waters, and while I know the Environment Agency does monitor controlled water, I am surprised that National Highways takes no responsibility for the contaminated water leaving their roads.

I am happy to write to National Highways requesting this information and also ask them why they do not monitor or risk assess priority sites.”