

Bridgnorth Sewage Action Group
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Following a meeting of the Bridgnorth Sewage Action Group on the 16th February, they have written to the Chief Executive of Bridgnorth District Council demanding they stop further work on their sewage plants.

At a site meeting last week a BSAG member, a technical consultant employed BSAG, Bridgnorth District Council, and Telford & Wrekin (the consultants employed by BDC); the work that was being proposed was ridiculed and at the end of the meeting the Telford representative was asked by BDC to completely re-write the specification taking the work for one site from £14,000 to an estimate of £500 from the technical consultant – about 3% of the original cost.

Given that this meeting showed that the standard of work from the consultants employed by BDC had not been acceptable; BSAG demand that

- a. Bridgnorth District Council immediately halt all work pending further investigation
- b. That a BSAG technical consultant is given access to all the other plants before any further work is carried out to carry out a survey of each plant.
- c. That when this survey is complete a meeting is held between BSAG, their technical consultant and Bridgnorth District Council to agree the work that is required.

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---- Notes to editor ----

- Copy of letter sent to Chief Executive of Bridgnorth District Council attached.
- Bridgnorth Sewage Action Group is a local campaign organisation whose aims are to fight the proposals by Bridgnorth District Council to charge local residents for the backlog of work on the sewage systems BDC own and manage. In addition to recharging capital costs, they are also proposing to increase annual usage charges by about 260% taking it to four times the cost of plants adopted by Severn Trent.

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