

## [Notice: TF6 5EX, Severn Trent Water Limited: environmental permit issued](#)

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document:

- Operator name: Severn Trent Water Limited
- Installation name: Rushmoor Sewage Treatment Works
- Permit number: EPR/NP3594EB/V002

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## [Press release: Institute for Apprenticeships sets out vision on quality](#)

The Institute was established to uphold the quality of apprenticeship standards in England. To support its efforts, it is seeking to bring clarity by defining what an apprenticeship is, what a high quality apprenticeship looks like and how that should be judged. The Institute has today published a [draft 'Quality Statement'](#) which will act as a core reference point for its work and will help shape the wider apprenticeship landscape. Employers, training providers, assessors and members of the public now have the opportunity to offer feedback on the draft statement and suggest any changes.

Antony Jenkins, Chair of the Institute for Apprenticeships said:

Apprenticeships can be fantastic for businesses and learners, but only if they are high quality. It is our duty to make that happen but in order to do it effectively we need to make sure we are all working towards the same goal.

We all have a stake in the delivery of quality apprenticeships, which help to address skills gaps and boost our nation's workforce. So it is right that everyone has the chance to have their say when we think about what that should mean in practice."

The survey period will last three weeks, closing on 18 October. A period of assessment will follow, after which a final statement will be published.

[Find the draft Quality Statement survey](#)

The short document has been drafted in conjunction with groups collectively monitoring quality and outcomes in the apprenticeship sector – The Quality Alliance. This group brings together the various government bodies whose roles together ensure the quality of apprenticeships. Its membership includes the ESFA (National Apprenticeship Service), Ofsted, Ofqual, HEFCE (The Office for Students), The Quality Assurance Agency and DfE, with the Association of Employment and Learning Providers, the Association of Colleges and Universities UK attending as advisors. The Quality Alliance's role is to monitor quality across the sector and build effective coordination to improve quality where appropriate.

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## [News story: Crime news: contacting the criminal applications team](#)

Calls to the criminal applications team will be diverted to central customer services on 0300 200 2020 from 2 October 2017.

Anyone calling the criminal application enquiry number will be redirected to 0300 200 2020 starting on 2 October 2017.

This redirect affects calls to criminal application enquiries on 0121 232 5500. It will be in place for a limited amount of time before the 0121 number is shut down permanently.

### **Options when you call**

You will need to choose from civil, crime or technical when calling 0300 200 2020.

### **Crime billing**

You should continue to use 0115 852 6000 for crime billing enquiries.

### **Further information**

0300 200 2020 – criminal applications from 2 October

0115 852 6000 – crime billing

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Chris Bunting, prosecuting for the Environment Agency, told the court that a proportion of 585 tonnes of mixed waste, which was dumped illegally in a disused factory warehouse at Lisburn Terrace, Pallion, could be traced back to Thompson Waste Ltd. It cost the landlords of the site over £100,000 to dispose of lawfully.

Investigations showed that between September 2015 and January 2016, the company paid a local man below market rates to remove waste from their site without fulfilling their legal requirement to check it was being taken to a permitted destination. The paperwork completed failed to include required details such as the origin of the waste or an accurate description.

The Court ruled that the company had acted recklessly. In mitigation, Robin Patton, acting on behalf of the defendant, told the Court that the waste represented a tiny fraction of the company's business and that they had co-operated with the investigation.

Thompson Waste Ltd was fined £3,335 and ordered to pay compensation of £5,394 and costs of £6,000.

Rachael Caldwell, from the Environment Agency's Waste and Enforcement Department, said:

All producers and operators have a responsibility to ensure that their waste is disposed of lawfully. Those that don't are as liable for the detrimental impact it has on the environment and local communities as those that dump it.

Thompson Waste Ltd broke the law over several months, showing little regard for the environment. We hope this case demonstrates the importance of environmental compliance. Anyone who breaks the rules will be pursued, and where repeated or significant breaches are found, we will prosecute.

A trial involving other defendants allegedly linked to the illegal waste dumping in Pallion is set to take place next year.

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