



ALISON GRIFFITHS MP

Member of Parliament for Bognor Regis and Littlehampton

Mr Philip Duffy
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Dear Mr Duffy,

I write regarding the *Baltic Klipper* incident, the loss of containers and cargo, and the resulting debris washing up along the West Sussex coastline, including within my constituency of Bognor Regis and Littlehampton.

I am aware that this is not an oil spill, but residents have raised serious concerns about the environmental impact of the materials involved, particularly plastics, polystyrene, polyurethane foam, and decaying organic waste, and the potential for longer-term harm if these materials fragment or enter the marine ecosystem.

As the local Member of Parliament, I would be grateful for clarity on the Environment Agency's role in this incident and the work being undertaken or advised upon from an environmental protection perspective.

In particular, I would welcome confirmation of the following.

1. What environmental risk assessment has been undertaken in relation to the debris already recovered, and to any material that may still be waterborne, submerged, or buried along the shoreline.
2. What advice the Environment Agency has provided to local authorities regarding clean-up standards, handling of plastics and foam materials, and measures to minimise fragmentation and the creation of microplastics.
3. What environmental monitoring is being carried out, or recommended, during and after the clean-up phase, including the expected duration of any monitoring and the thresholds that would trigger further action.



4. How the Environment Agency is coordinating with local authorities and other relevant bodies to ensure that environmental considerations are properly factored into the response as it continues.

Given the level of public concern locally, I would welcome a detailed response so that I can provide accurate information to my constituents.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alison Griffiths'.

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