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Dear requester

### Provision of requested information

Thank you for your request for information about any testing for PFAS or PFOS within a 5 mile radius of the former Wethersfield Airbase, Nr. Braintree, North Essex, CM7 4AZ in the past 3 years, which we received on 19 March 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

As specified, I have attached water quality test results for 2022, 2023 and 2024 for the following boreholes which are within 5 miles of the former RAF Wethersfield airbase:

Bardfield Bore No.3  
Codham Bore No.3  
Hedingham Bore No.2  
Maidenly Farm Bore, Sible Hedingham  
Petches Bridge Bore No.3  
Petches Bridge Bore No.4

The attached spreadsheet has a tab for PFAS results only, along with a key to identify which PFAS we test for, and a tab each for all the test results in 2022, 2023 and 2024.

With regards to PFAS, the Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) has issued guidance to water companies over the last few years regarding PFAS including their latest Guidance Document dated March 2025 which is available on the DWI website here: [DWI PFAS-Guidance Mar 2025.pdf](#) In this guidance the DWI require a wholesomeness value of 0.1 µg/l (0.1 micrograms per litre), similar to the standard for most pesticides. We comply with this PFAS wholesomeness value for all water supplied to customers throughout our region including the mains supplies in our Essex area.

Sampling and testing of the raw water from the 6 bores listed has not identified any PFAS compounds above the wholesomeness value of 0.1 µg/l as set out by the DWI. I can also confirm that none of our treated water supplies from the water treatment works downstream of the bores has exceeded the value of 0.1 µg/l for any individual PFAS.

Drinking water in England and Wales is safe, reliable and of very high quality. Water companies carry out water safety planning and use a risk-based approach to deal with any issues before they become a problem.

Please be reassured that the water supply in the Essex area is wholesome and safe for drinking, cooking and food preparation.

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If you have any queries about this email, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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