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I recently met with Saltash Town Council who are concerned about the quality of their local water and are keen to see more testing to re-assure water users and to highlight any issues that do occur sooner.

Saltash is one of the largest towns in Cornwall which has considerable plans for more housing. It sits on the opposite bank of the river from Plymouth and HMNB Devonport, the largest naval base in Western Europe.

Saltash has many active water users along their part of the Tamar. Saltash has active sailing and canoe clubs. They also have a regatta which even includes a Cardboard Boat Race. I regularly see children jumping into the river during summer months.

I would welcome suggestions from the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs on how more regular testing of the Tamar could take place and any assistance the department could give.

Best wishes

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Cc: Cllr Richard Bickford, Mayor of Saltash