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The Occupier  
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Dear Sir/Madam

### FORMER SHELL UK OIL TERMINAL AT EARLEY, READING

As you will be aware, a programme of work started about 3 weeks ago on our site at Earley. We have received a few enquiries from neighbouring residents about the nature and extent of the work and feel it would be useful to let you know what we are doing.

In preparation for the sale of the site, we are in the process of carrying out works to ensure it is in an acceptable environmental condition. During the long term operation of a terminal, it is not uncommon for a certain amount of contamination to be inadvertently introduced into the ground. As responsible operators, and in line with our company policy, we have carried out site investigations using environmental consultants to determine the state of our site.

The work we are undertaking at Earley as a result of the advice received, will ensure the site is left in an environmentally acceptable condition. This is expected to be completed in about 5 weeks and entails breaking up of much of the concrete paved area, aeration of the soil, backfilling and grading of the site.

By way of reinstatement where the soil cannot be treated on site it is being removed. Any fill material necessary is being imported to replace it. Where we do not wish to disturb the ground, vacuum extraction is being used to remove volatile hydrocarbons from the area.

During the work it is inevitable that noise will be generated, as a result of these activities. We have endeavoured to minimise the impact of this on you by not allowing work on Sundays and ensuring that the equipment which is left running continuously, is suitably silenced.

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We trust that this answers any concerns you may have and apologise for any inconvenience caused. Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully  
for SHELL UK LTD Downstream Oil



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Dear Mr Collett

Thank you for your letter which we received on 23 November 1993.

Our letter of 10 November was intended to provide residents with an update with the work being undertaken following demolition of the site of which you were advised of last year. I must apologise if our letter came as somewhat of a shock.

When the terminal was operational the Western part of the site nearest your property, was not used for the storage or handling of product and it was considered unlikely that there would be contamination in this area. The site was however, thoroughly investigated prior to commencing the current works and the investigation confirmed that there was no indication of contamination in the area adjacent to your garden.

The Wokingham Environmental Health Officer and other interested statutory bodies have all been advised of the site investigations and the remediation work being undertaken. We as a matter of practice keep them informed to ensure that all appropriate environmental conditions for the site are met and maintained.

We trust the foregoing will allay your concerns.

Yours sincerely  
for SHELL UK LTD Downstream Oil

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