

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE STATES' TRADING SUPERVISORY BOARD
TO A QUESTION ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY LESTER QUERPEL**

Question 1

As you will be aware, the Guernsey Water Operations Manager said in the media recently that 'There have been several occasions where tests have been carried out on water in the area of Havelet Bay following smell complaints. None of these tests have indicated the presence of sewage'. However, the Operations Manager didn't explain what it is that is actually causing the smell. So with that in mind, are you able please to tell me what it is that is causing the smell?

Answer

Guernsey Water does not have a definitive answer as to the cause of the smells in the area of Havelet Bay. There are other sources of odour which are unrelated to sewage, including the breakdown of organic matter such as seaweed, which can give off a similar smell. I can confirm that bathing water in Havelet Bay, measured on a four-year rolling period, is classified as "Excellent".

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