

## **STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION**

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The Opposition has received complaints from residents of the Upper Town following the discharge of raw sewage into Willis's Road on Tuesday night.

The raw sewage had leaked from the junction of Willis's Road with Tank Ramp and also affected the upper part of Castle Steps. The leak has been stopped, however, the Opposition understand that a fire hydrant was slightly opened in order to clear the mess, but this has only succeeded in spreading the leaked sewage further.

The health and safety risk posed to residents of the area is totally unacceptable. There are children who play in the affected part and many others who go about their business walking up and down the hill. The danger posed to anyone who may slip or have a fall and be exposed to direct contact with the sewage is considerable.

Moreover, given the hot summer days and nights, the stench that has engulfed the area means that people have to either sleep with their windows closed or put up with the smell. There are also tourists and visitors to Gibraltar who will not get a very good impression if the mess is left as it is.

The Opposition urge the Government to take urgent and effective action to tackle this problem

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