

2000 WAEC English Formal Letter Question

Write a letter to the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency in your country complaining about the environmental pollution of your area and requesting urgent action be taken to improve the situation.

N0. 26 Bluebell Avenue
Garden Estate, Port Harcourt
Nigeria.
21st February, 2000

The Director
Environmental Protection Agency
Port Harcourt
Nigeria.

Dear sir,

Appeal for Urgent Intervention

My name is Sobifa Green. I am a student of Government Secondary School, and a resident of Garden Estate, all in Port Harcourt.

I write this letter to humbly call your attention to the escalating degradation of the environment caused by pollutants discarded improperly by residents.

The major road into the city has been overtaken by mountains of garbage which the inhabitants keep accumulating since they have no standard means of disposing of such waste. To make matters worse, the heaps of refuse have found their way into the gutters and drainage systems of the city. This caused a blockage of rainwater which eventually resulted in the recent heavy flooding of the city. As I write, half of the city is still submerged in muddy water.

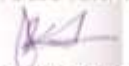
There is no tree in the entire city that is not festooned with tattered nylon bags which shoppers threw in the streets after using the contents. Such nylon bags should be banned completely because they are not biodegradable. They can stay in the environment for hundreds of years without decaying. The nylon bags are also found in farms where they constitute the double danger of leeching plastics into the soil as well as reducing the earth that should be used for planting crops for human consumption.

This city used to be known as the Garden City. Citizens took pride in planting flowers and making beautiful landscapes in front of their houses. Sadly, the opposite is the case today. Inconsiderate landlords allow dirty dish and laundry water to channel a way through openings in the fences and into the streets. These form stagnant puddles of mosquito breeding grounds. Children also play around such puddles thereby endangering their health. The recent outbreak of diphtheria and cholera in the city may not be unrelated to these environmental hazards and pollution.

I use this medium to respectfully urge your good office to take urgent action to curtail the various environmental abuse going on in the city. Central garbage collecting points can be established within the city. Enlightenment campaigns on the usefulness of recycling and proper waste disposal is also necessary. Finally, any citizen found breaking the law by littering the streets and throwing away refuse outside the approved channels should be made to face the law.

Thank you, sir, for taking the time to read my letter. I look forward to seeing positive changes in no distant time.

Yours faithfully,


Sobifa Green