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Mr Chris Weston
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Dear Mr Weston,

Tackling sewage overflows in Oxfordshire

We are writing on behalf our constituents following the recent publication of your plan to tackle sewage overflows in Oxfordshire. We welcome the transparency provided by the Water UK National Storm Overflows Plan, but it shows that more must be done to urgently improve your unacceptable environmental record.

We strongly welcome that 100% of sewage overflows are now monitored in Oxfordshire and across the whole of England, which is thanks to the decisive action taken by this Government. It is crucial that these monitors are kept under regular maintenance so that our constituents can continue to transparently access data.

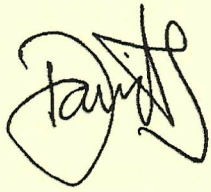
The action the Government has taken including introducing new legally binding targets, unlimited fines, and requirements for water companies to invest £56 billion in environmental infrastructure improvements is clear evidence that the Government is committed to tackling this problem, but Thames Water now must deliver.

While we welcome the over £800 million that Thames Water is investing into cutting sewage overflows by 84% in Oxfordshire, it is very disappointing that this target will only be met by 2050. It is even more disappointing that there will only be a reduction of 22% by 2030.

Our constituents are rightly very angry about the volume of sewage going into our waters and we expect you to act with far greater urgency to stop sewage overflows.

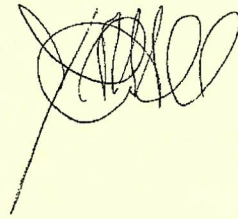
We would be grateful for a meeting to discuss this issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



David Johnston OBE MP

Member of Parliament for Wantage and Didcot



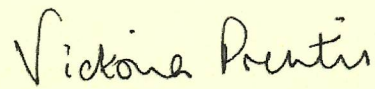
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