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Dear Mr Weston,

I am writing to you today on behalf of many of my constituents in West Oxfordshire who are feeling let down by the wholly unacceptable levels of sewage that have been discharged into our waterways in recent weeks.

The current levels are deeply troubling for residents and I was deeply concerned to learn that sewage is currently being discharged into almost every river upstream of Oxford. Indeed, to use but one of the many examples of this issue in my constituency, the Witney overflow has seen sewage being expelled into the Windrush for now over 100 consecutive hours.

I am aware that there are works and upgrades are being carried out across the network to see a reduction in this overflow. I would be grateful if you could update me as soon as possible on the progress of these works. Their timely implementation is absolutely essential and any delay is unacceptable to residents.

Many in my constituency have raised concerns around the current capacity for storm water tanks, as a result of recent difficulties. I must therefore also ask for confirmation that the planned works will be enough to see an end to this ongoing issue and the water tank system will be able to meet demand soon.

I would like to meet with you both, as soon as possible, to discuss the long running issue of sewage discharge in West Oxfordshire and the progress of the improvements. Please do let me know when this would be possible.


Robert Courts MP

From the Member of Parliament for the constituency of Witney in West Oxfordshire including Bampton, Burford, Carterton, Charlbury, Chipping Norton, Eynsham, Witney and Woodstock.