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23rd January 2023

Dear Sarah

Re: Public Engagement on Teddington Water Recycling Plans

Our constituents were alarmed to learn of proposals in Thames Water's draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024 to abstract water from the Thames at Teddington Weir and replace it with treated effluent from Mogden Sewage Works in times of drought. As you can imagine, local residents and river users have many questions and concerns about the environmental and water quality impact of any such proposals.

Unfortunately, these proposals only came to the attention of elected representatives and the public through national and local news articles which were published two working days before a public consultation event in Richmond.

The event was held in an unsuitably small venue in Richmond town centre. The high demand for information from residents resulted in long queues outside the venue and overcrowding inside.

We are pleased that your stakeholder relations team has agreed to further such events, in order that local residents can fully engage in the consultation process. We would like to request you hold a minimum of two more public consultation events in the borough – with at least one each side of the river, in much larger venues. We have made some venue suggestions to your team.

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In addition, we strongly urge you to hold at least one public meeting where a presentation and question and answer session can be undertaken by Thames Water representatives with local residents. Transparency, accountability and engagement must be at the heart of this process, and a public meeting will allow you to set out the details of your proposal in full and address our constituents' concerns.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Munira Wilson".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Olney".

SARAH OLNEY MP
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