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Rebecca Pow MP
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Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
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Re: Meeting request: Thames Water Teddington Abstraction Scheme

Dear Rebecca,

In December, Thames Water launched a consultation on its plans to build a new direct river abstraction on the Thames at Teddington. This scheme, which could remove up to 100 megalitres of water a day from the river, involves the abstracted water being replaced by treated effluent from the sewage works at Mogden.

The community in southwest London has serious concerns over the environmental impact of this plan and the impact it will have on water quality, local flora and fauna, and microorganisms within the river itself.

This plan is naturally extremely worrying to many of our residents and Thames Water have so far failed to alleviate their concerns. We would very much like to understand what DEFRA's views on the scheme are and we hope you may be able to meet with us to discuss these plans as soon as you are able.

If we could stress the urgency of this request, the consultation on this scheme ends in the final week of March and so a meeting well before this point would be immensely appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Olney
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park

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Member of Parliament for Twickenham