Mims Davies MP, East Grinstead & Uckfield Constituency
Nusrat Ghani MP, Sussex Weald Constituency
James MacCleary MP, Lewes Constituency
Dr Kieran Mullan MP, Bexhill & Battle Constituency

House of Commons
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Letter sent by email

6 March 2025
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Dear Ms Davies, Ms Ghani, Mr MacCleary, Dr Mullan

I am writing to you in my capacity as the chair of the Southern Water Stakeholder Group. This group, formed just over two years ago, is a partnership of over 20 local planning authorities from across the south east, all within the Southern Water foul water catchment area. We have come together across party lines and over a wide geography, representing around 4 million residents, to raise our collective concerns about the impact of Southern Water's poor performance on our communities and the environment we strive to protect.

Since the group's inception, we have held various meetings, some of which included special speakers from Southern Water, the Environment Agency, and OFWAT. Information about this group, including copies of meeting minutes, government correspondence and press releases, can be found on Wealden's website:- Southern Water Stakeholder Group - Wealden District Council - Wealden District Council.

Despite our collective efforts and numerous letters to various government ministers over the past two years, we have received rather disappointing and standard responses. We are still awaiting an acknowledgment and response to our latest letter to Steve Reed MP, dated 5 February 2025 (copy enclosed for your information).

I am reaching out to you to bring this issue to your attention and to seek your support in lobbying the Government to raise awareness on our behalf. We will also be encouraging other Councils within this Stakeholder Group to do the same with their respective local MPs.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Cllr Rachel Millward
Chair of Southern Water Local Authority Group
Leader of the Council and Community, Culture & Communications Portfolio Holder

Stakeholder Group Members

Adur District Council	Lewes & Eastbourne Councils
Arun District Council	Maidstone Borough Council
Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council	Medway Council
Brighton & Hove City Council	New Forest District Council
Chichester District Council	New Forest National Park Authority
East Hampshire District Council	Rother District Council
Folkestone & Hythe District Council	Sevenoaks District Council
Gosport Borough Council	Tandridge District Council
Great Brighton Economic Board	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Hastings Borough Council	Wealden District Council
Havant Borough Council	Worthing Borough Council
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