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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Matthew Thomas - Clerk  
Wiston Parish Council  
[by email]

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Our Ref: AG30424/MT

Dear Matthew,

Thank you for writing to me about the parish council's concerns of sewage discharges into the local stream. The current use of sewage discharges is unacceptable and I would like to assure you that tackling local storm overflows is a priority for me.

Sewage overflows are a Victorian infrastructure issue, and the previous Government was the first to take steps to tackle this by putting into place the monitoring which means we now know much more about this very longstanding issue. This was an important step in tackling the problem, by getting the data. The Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan requires water companies to make the largest ever environmental infrastructure investment - £56 billion capital investment over the next 25 years.

Added to this, the Environment Agency have been given significant additional funding of £55million a year to introduce an expanded and more specialist workforce to increase their regulatory scrutiny of water companies and to deliver enforcement against those who break the law. Simon Moody, Area Director – Solent and South Downs - has confirmed that his officers are out in the constituency completing inspections as part of this regulatory work with a focus on the water company assets that overflowed regularly during dry weather in 2023.

I have written to Simon Moody to ask if the local hydraulic capacity at the treatment works can be assessed along with the impacts on Honeybridge Stream. I will ask that he shares any updates or reporting on this.

Kind regards,



**Andrew Griffith MP**