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Meeting the targets set by the Government's Storm Overflows Taskforce

Dear Mr. McAulay,

As you will know, I have been working with Southern Water and other stakeholders for several years to tackle the issue of stormwater discharges into Langstone Harbour and Chichester Harbour. I'm grateful for Southern Water's continued participation in my Hayling Island Environment Forum which brings together local stakeholders and focuses on tackling the issue specifically in and around Langstone Harbour and Chichester Harbour.

Having campaigned in Westminster on this issue too, I welcome the recommendations of the Government's new Storm Overflows Taskforce, particularly eliminating harm from storm overflows in the long-term, including discharges into Langstone Harbour and Chichester Harbour. I have secured a meeting with the Environment Minister in the coming weeks to discuss the local context for the Havant Constituency and the surrounding area.

While I acknowledge the significant investment which Southern Water has made over the past 20 years to reduce the frequency and volume of stormwater discharges especially after heavy rainfall, I believe more can be done. This is why in Westminster I have also supported the objectives of the backbench Sewage (Inland Waters) Bill.

Following the publication of its recommendations by the Storm Overflows Taskforce last week I'd be grateful if could respond to the following questions:

1. How will Southern Water achieve the Government's long-term target of eliminating harm from storm overflows?
2. What changes will Southern Water be making to Beachbouy and other systems in order to comply with the Taskforce recommendation that transparency be increased around the use of storm overflows, including water companies providing real-time data on discharges and annual data summaries?
3. Will you meet me again to discuss these issues in the coming weeks?

I look forward to continuing to work together to tackle this important issue, and I will put this letter and your reply into the public domain given the interest in this topic locally.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Mak".

Alan Mak MP
Member of Parliament for the Havant Constituency