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Dear Emma,

I hope you are well.

Thank you for your response to me in the Chamber during today's departmental questions.

I am writing to follow-up regarding my question, as I appreciate that it will have been difficult to answer to a question regarding a local constituency matter without additional background detail.

In my question, I highlighted that in Thames Water's own report submitted to the Environment Agency, p25 4.7.3- 4.7.5 of 'Priority Action Technical Note,' found that the testing of a pilot plant shows that after just one month, the water quality would fail to maintain PFOS within regulatory limits.

While I take your point that the water quality at Ham and Kingston Riverside will be checked regularly by the Environment Agency following its designation as bathing water status, proactiveness is required to prevent Thames Water dumping treated sewage into the stream above Teddington Lock as Thames Water are proposing to spend hundreds of millions of pounds on the scheme.

I would be grateful if we could arrange a meeting with myself and my constituency neighbour, Munira Wilson MP, to discuss the proposal, as it is unfit for purpose and needs immediate government oversight.

Yours sincerely

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Member of Parliament for Richmond Park

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