

Chair of the Parliamentary
Environmental Audit Committee

If calling please ask for:

Via email: eacom@parliament.uk

Our ref: EL/AJT

Your ref: 10 December 2021

Dear Chair

I am writing concerning the release from both combined sewage outfalls and the continuing threat of sewage discharges from all sewage outlets into the rivers and harbours in Chichester District.

The Council receives many complaints from local residents about pollution from waste water discharging directing into the rivers and the dangers to users and the environment, and at Full Council on 23 November 2021, councillors of Chichester District Council voted in favour of me writing to you to formally ask for urgent action to address the impact of waste water discharges across the network. When complaints are received they are forwarded to Southern Water, the Environment Agency, and where appropriate OFWAT, however, very often no response is received back or the response is unsatisfactory.

I am writing to you to advocate for greater enforcement of existing regulatory powers by ensuring the regulators are sufficiently resourced and with appropriate capability. It would also be appropriate to have better accountability of the regulators both in terms of performance and the release of funding to the Sewerage Undertakers, to make the necessary capital repairs.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Lintill'.

Eileen Lintill
Leader Chichester District Council