Dear <INSERT MP NAME>,

As the Government considers its next steps on planning reform, it is vital that the urgent need to protect our chalk streams is addressed. Despite 85% of the world’s chalk streams being located in England, current planning policy fails to grant these precious habitats appropriate protection.

I am writing to ask you to sign onto the chalk streams amendment to the Planning & Infrastructure Bill, tabled by Chris Hinchliff MP, currently moving through Parliament. A [briefing can be found here](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wildlondon.org.uk%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2F2025-04%2FPlanning%2520%2526%2520Infrastructure%2520Bill%2520amendment%2520brief.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Camwilson%40wildlondon.org.uk%7C45a1b15fa525451eec3a08dd842b7372%7C489f8583c3a446c7ab0ac3f2164ed012%7C0%7C0%7C638812044343913489%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XOxjtBPnSgjZ0E9bhwI28jiF1FxhJ9QTlyqcj6DsLcI%3D&reserved=0) detailing the Wildlife Trust’s key asks and recommended written questions, which I kindly ask you to table on behalf of your constituents affected by the Wandle spillage.

The second reading of the Planning & Infrastructure Bill was dominated by concern for England's rare and vulnerable chalk streams, demonstrating an incredible cross-party consensus that urgent action is needed. Our precious London chalk streams (only around 200 exist globally) cannot properly be restored unless they are also protected.

I am particularly concerned about the effects of misconnections and spillages into London’s chalk streams. This has been sadly underlined by the recent environmental disaster on the river Wandle in which 4,000 litres of diesel was released, devastating the local wildlife.

I also highlight the release of [storm overflow data](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fenvironment.data.gov.uk%2Fdataset%2F21e15f12-0df8-4bfc-b763-45226c16a8ac&data=05%7C02%7Camwilson%40wildlondon.org.uk%7C45a1b15fa525451eec3a08dd842b7372%7C489f8583c3a446c7ab0ac3f2164ed012%7C0%7C0%7C638812044343928520%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aNRKEd9%2B3ZrKvnmmU7Jc7RAjOzxPNEHUUmzUpynKMn4%3D&reserved=0) for 2024 – the data paints a devastating picture, with chalk streams across the country polluted by effluent for thousands and thousands of hours.

This is why Wildlife Trusts across the UK and nature organisations developed a chalk stream amendment to the Bill, which has the potential to grant these rivers long-awaited protections in planning:  [https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/59-01/0196/amend/planning\_rm\_pbc\_0325.pdf](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpublications.parliament.uk%2Fpa%2Fbills%2Fcbill%2F59-01%2F0196%2Famend%2Fplanning_rm_pbc_0325.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Camwilson%40wildlondon.org.uk%7C45a1b15fa525451eec3a08dd842b7372%7C489f8583c3a446c7ab0ac3f2164ed012%7C0%7C0%7C638812044343943540%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=W9941Ub%2BNUMWkqlBCqfw7eOVk63uSyp6UupILFR3ZSo%3D&reserved=0)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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