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**Liberal Democrat Prospective Parliamentary
Candidate for Earley and Woodley**



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Chris Weston- CEO, Thames Water

By email

Dear Mr Weston,

I am contacting you as the Liberal Democrat Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Earley and Woodley, on behalf of residents across the constituency.

Sewage discharges

According to Environment Agency monitoring data, in 2025 Thames Water discharged sewage into the River Thames 254 times, totalling 1,413 hours. The Loddon saw 52 discharges, totalling 517 hours.

Will you commit to promptly publishing real-time discharge data for every outfall on the Thames and Loddon within the Earley and Woodley constituency?

Rising bills

Residents are already stretched by the cost of living, and water bills are one more pressure they cannot avoid. Average bills have risen 36%, from £436 to a projected £588 by 2030.

What proportion of this increase is funding new infrastructure, rather than servicing debt?

Executive pay

Thames Water paid over £4 million to senior executives and board members in the year to 31 March 2025, with a further £18.5 million in retention payments made to 21 senior managers.

How do you justify these payments against the company's record on sewage and bills?

Invitation to public Q&A

I am also formally inviting you, or a senior representative empowered to answer on your behalf, to join me for a public water Q&A with residents. This should be held within the Earley and Woodley constituency, which is conveniently just minutes from the Thames Water HQ, before the end of 2026. Please can you confirm your acceptance?

I am putting this letter in the public domain. I would please request a direct answer to each question, which I will also share with residents.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Mike Giles

Liberal Democrat PPC for Earley and Woodley

District Councillor for Sonning Common ward (South Oxfordshire)