



Rt Hon George Eustice
Secretary of State, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Seacole Building
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20th March 2021

Dear Mr Eustice

STORM WATER DISCHARGES INTO LANGSTONE AND CHICHESTER HARBOURS

We are writing on behalf of our respective authorities to ask for a roundtable meeting with you and other relevant parties to discuss the many discharges that flow into both harbours.

We welcome recent developments, such as a forum overseen by the MP for Havant and Chichester Council's complaint to OFWAT. However, we remain concerned that, unless there is significant, nationally-driven change, discharges will continue. We know how they affect the quality of environment and wildlife, as well as the ability of people to enjoy and earn a living from these harbours.

We have all done a lot of talking. We owe it to our residents and harbour users to deliver action that will benefit them.

A roundtable will enable open discussion of the problems faced, barriers to overcoming them and, we hope, deliverable solutions. We appreciate that it is unlikely to occur until after 6 May, but we hope it can be achieved soon afterwards.

We are copying all affected MPs so they know of and, we hope, will back our suggestions.

We all look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

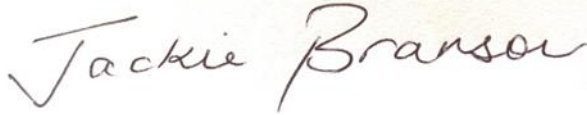
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Councillor Darren Sanders
Chairman of the Langstone Harbour Board / Portsmouth City Council



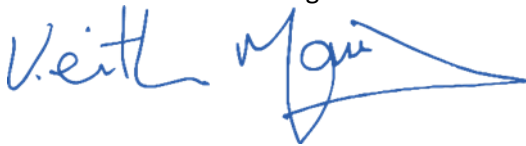
Councillor Jeremy Hunt

Chairman of Chichester Harbour Conservancy / West Sussex County Council



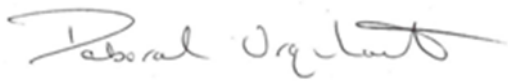
Councillor Jackie Branson

Vice Chairman of the Langstone Harbour Board / Havant Borough Council



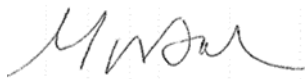
Councillor Keith Mans

Leader - Hampshire County Council



Councillor Deborah Urquhart

Cabinet Member for the Environment - West Sussex County Council



Councillor Michael Wilson

Leader - Havant Borough Council



Councillor Eileen Lintill

Leader - Chichester District Council



Councillor Gerald Vernon Jackson

Leader – Portsmouth City Council

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Gillian Keegan, MP for Chichester

Alan Mak, MP for Havant

Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt, MP for Portsmouth North

Stephen Morgan, MP for Portsmouth South