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3rd August 2009

Adam Afriyie MP
Windsor Conservative Association
87 St Leonard's Road
Windsor
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Dear Mr Afriyie,

Water Bills To Non-Domestic Properties

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This Council therefore resolves to ask the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive to write to the relevant minister, OFWAT, and the Royal Borough's Members of Parliament, urging them not to support or progress with the plans to raise the water bills for voluntary and community groups.

In accordance with this Motion, we are writing to you to urge you not to support or progress plans to raise water bills for voluntary and community groups. We will also be writing to OFWAT, Theresa May MP, and the Right Honourable Hilary Benn MP, the Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, to this effect.

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Chairman,
Board of Water Services Regulation Authority,
OFWAT,
Centre City Tower,
7 Hill Street,
Birmingham, B5 4UA

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Nobel House,
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London
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2 Castle End Farm
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