

Christian Wakeford MP
Letter sent by email on 05 August 2024

Dear Christian,

RE: Reducing discharges from combined storm overflows (CSOs) Motion

Bury Council at its Full Council meeting on 17 July 2024 debated a notice of motion in relation to the Reducing discharges from combined storm overflows (CSOs).

The Council asked that we write to you to congratulate the Secretary of State for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs, Mr. Steve Reed, for taking urgent action to address these concerns and request that water companies must stop discharges from CSOs by 2035.

The Council resolved to:

1. Invite United Utilities to address members before a full council meeting to discuss concerns and explore local solutions to the discharging of sewage into local rivers.
2. Write to our two MPs to congratulate the new Environment Secretary for taking urgent action to address these concerns and request that water companies must stop discharges from CSOs by 2035.
3. Continue the exemplar relationship with the Environment Agency that we have and work with them to address these concerns.

We have written in similar terms to the MP for Bury North and look forward to your response so that an update can be provided to Members of Bury Council.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne Ridsdale".

Lynne Ridsdale
Chief Executive

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eamon O'Brien".

Cllr. Eamon O'Brien
Leader of the Council