

Council – 17 March 2022

Item 5 – Petitions

Petition to be presented by Councillor Steve Masters (1,769 signatories). The subject of the Petition is stated as follows:

“We, the undersigned, petition the Council to request a formal explanation from our local MP’s as to why they voted down Lords Amendment 45 to the Environment Bill which would have placed a legal duty on water companies in England and Wales to make improvements to their sewage systems and demonstrate progressive reductions in the harm caused by discharges of untreated sewage. MPs Laura Farris and John Redwood voted to defeat the Lords amendment (Alok Sharma did not vote). We also petition the Council’s OSMC to robustly question Thames Water at their scheduled appearance in March 2022. OSMC should focus on the amount of discharge in local waterways and the proposed investment in improvements to infrastructure. West Berkshire residents urge the Council to condemn the discharging of raw sewage into our waterways and call upon all stakeholders to work together to end this environmentally destructive practice which also damages public health.”