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Dear Prime Minister

**Re: THE CASE AGAINST THE THAMES TIDEWAY TUNNEL & IN FAVOUR OF
INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR THE THAMES
TIDEWAY.**

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Prime Minister. Thames Blue Green Economy (TBGE) is heartened that you aspire to a country that works for everyone and not a nation driven by a privileged few. Therefore, I am writing to you on behalf of TBGE to ask that a great injustice be undone. Please cancel the Thames Tideway Tunnel Project so that the fairer and better solution of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) can be implemented instead. To this end, please find enclosed our report for your urgent consideration, and hoped for support.

As is evidenced in other cities, IWRM reduces flooding, drought, air pollution, carbon and heat island effects, as well as increasing community well-being. Whereas, the Tunnel would cause misery to Londoners in the 7 year construction period, do nothing to address the pressing problems listed above and create a huge financial burden on current/future generations who will have to pay for the tunnel for 120 years. However, if London adopted IWRM, it would improve the lives of Londoners almost immediately, at a fraction of the cost.

It cannot have been the intention of Parliament when privatizing the water industry, that the costs of the Tunnel would be paid for by a new utility charge on the bills of customers across the whole of Thames Water's region even though the Tunnel will only cope with occasional storm run-off from Inner London (pages 8-10). In addition, over the last 5 years, Thames Water has paid no UK corporation tax, and since 2004 has paid over *£3 billion* in dividends to shareholders.

We would be honored, to be given the chance of meeting up with you, to amplify our concerns. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Lord Berkeley
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