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6th February 2014

Mr L. Curtis,

Please find enclosed a letter that I have received from Luis Garcia, Chief Executive of Bristol Water, in response to your concerns about the Chew Magna lake.

I hope that the Chief Executive's letter is helpful in addressing the concerns you raised. You may be pleased to note that investigations are being undertaken into possible flood prevention measures.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further assistance.

With every good wish,

J. Rees-Mogg,

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Enc.

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28 January 2014

Dear Mr Rees-Mogg

Chew Valley Flood Forum

Thank you for your letter of 15 January regarding concerns which had been raised from The Chew Valley Flood Forum.

We have never operated our water resource reservoirs as flood control devices, and it has never been part of our statutory requirement.

There is not the control infrastructure to be able to affect the volume of water release that would be required to operate in the manner suggested in your letter.

All reservoirs are designed to overflow, and all reservoirs will overflow at some period, even if being managed as flood detention systems. We have no concrete evidence to suggest that overflows from the reservoirs materially add to flooding problems caused by heavy catchment rainfall. We are working with the lead authorities to investigate and understand what system changes may mitigate any residual flood risks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luis Garcia".

Luis Garcia
Chief Executive

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