

From the Leader of the Council

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Dear Diane,

Thank you for your great work looking after our commons so that they can be enjoyed safely by everyone.

Wandsworth Council hopes to continue our long history of cooperation. We are happy to work closely with the Wimbledon & Putney Commons Conservators to find ways of joint working that identify efficiencies to maintain and improve our commons.

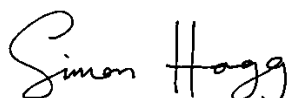
I was pleased to meet with you and your Chief Executive recently to discuss the concerns of Wandsworth Council about a potential increase in the council tax levy we collect on your behalf from tens of thousands of residents in the west of our borough.

I understand that you plan to increase the levy by the maximum amount, 12.6%.

We believe that this increase during a cost of living crisis is wholly unacceptable.

We cannot support such a large increase in your levy. I would ask that Conservators reconsider the decision and follow Wandsworth Council's example by providing improved services for the same low council tax.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Hogg
Leader of the Council

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