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Dear Mr Woolas,

We want you to help us provide a better life for all who live here.

Harrow Council is in a precarious financial position which has not been helped by poor grant settlements it receives from central government.

The council receives an average of £145 per head less than its nearest neighbours and £572 per head less than the London average; Harrow has the lowest reserves for outer London boroughs at only £1.5m, compared with the average of £12m.

This borough is underfunded by the Government and it is simply unacceptable. Our councillors are being forced to make extreme cuts affecting the elderly, the young, and the disabled, because we just do not have any money to pay for anything.

We are on the 'floor' of the funding formulae in both real and absolute terms and that is not fair on those who choose to live here. The borough is changing and our population is becoming more diverse, yet the grants we get do not reflect this.

We are already suffering because of underfunding in the health service and our borough has to pay an additional £3.5m this year to cover the costs shunted to the council by the Harrow Primary Care Trust.

You have it in your power to improve our grant and consequently the quality of life for our residents.

Please do so.

Yours Sincerely