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To all members of Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire's 5 District Councils and Oxfordshire MPs

Democratic Deficit

Please find below a link to a brief report and accompanying press release on the way in which fundamental decisions about Oxfordshire's future are increasingly being influenced by unelected bodies. We are concerned that this trend means that major issues such as the climate emergency are given insufficient attention. It also threatens to undermine the role of directly elected representatives such as county and district councillors.

We wish to see government restoring power and resources to democratically elected local authorities and for the influence and secrecy of unelected quangos and other organisations to be curbed.

I hope that this is an initiative that you will wish to support wholeheartedly. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss it further.

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Yours faithfully

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