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Dear Shaun,

The Commission for a Sustainable London plays an important role as a critical friend to the Olympic Board and I welcome the guidance and challenge that you have provided so far to ensure that the Olympic Games in 2012 is the first sustainable Olympic and Paralympic Games' and a 'One Planet Olympics'.

I am writing in response to the concerns about Dow Chemical Company's sponsorship of the Olympic Stadium Wrap and whether their involvement supports or undermines our agreed mission to "use the power of the Games to inspire change".

In light of the public pressure opposing the decision to grant Dow Chemical the tender for the wrap, I wondered whether you might make publically available the documents and representations you received to determine Dow's commitment to sustainability in the Olympic Games in 2012?

As it is in everyone's interest that the process of arriving at decisions about sustainability are transparent, I would also be grateful if you could let me know if Commissioners discussed Dow Chemical's link to the human rights and environmental tragedy in Bhopal and whether any decision was taken in relation to that.

Finally, could you make public whether you received any representations which challenged the information provided by Dow about their commitment to sustainability? The Commission has recently stated that you would expect "any company that embraces the Olympic and Paralympic values" to be "an ambassador for these in all aspects of their business." Will you be making a further statement as to whether Dow Chemical does indeed act as an ambassador in all aspects of their business according to Olympic and Paralympic values?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tessa Jowell".

Tessa Jowell MP