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Dear [REDACTED]

Reference: Winter blackouts

At a recent Cost of Living summit held at the Royal Borough of Greenwich, we had several residents and charities raising concerns over potential blackouts this winter.

Across the Borough we have many residents who are PSR registered, they rely heavily on the availability of heat and power. Without this necessity, they are extremely vulnerable and exposed to serious health risks.

The prospect of power outages and cold weather is for many a fatal combination and we would like OFGEM to explain what action is currently being taken on ensuring our most vulnerable residents aren't going to be at risk this winter.

It is currently being reported that the months of January and February could be affected, with potential blackouts during the hours of 16.00pm-19.00pm (peak time for many households), but for vulnerable households, it's dark, cold and in some cases unsafe to seek help. We are therefore seeking reassurance that our residents on the priority list will be safeguarded and treated as a high priority should this occurrence happen.

It is going to be a challenging winter for many, so we are trying hard to plan for worst case scenarios and where possible to plan for possible outages.

We are therefore calling for all vulnerable households to be protected and prioritised and Councils to be informed of any planned blackouts.

The Leader's Office, Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich, London SE18 6PW

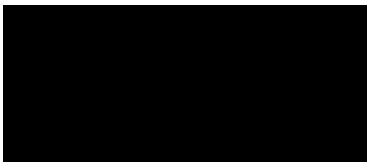
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We look forward to receiving your response on the issues raised and hope that by working together we can alleviate some of the concerns from our residents.

Kind regards,



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