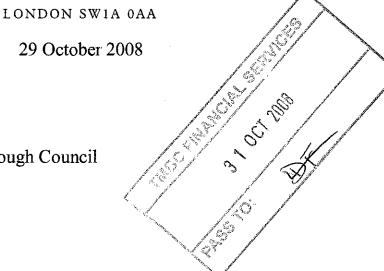


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Many thanks for your letter of October 23 together with copies of your exchange of correspondence with the Minister for Local Government, John Healey, and a copy of your letter to the Chancellor the Exchequer of October 9

I have now written myself to the Chancellor in support of what you have said to him in your own letter and I will be writing to you again when I receive his reply.

You may find it helpful to have a copy of my letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer of today's date.

I am sending a copy of this letter and of my letter to the Chancellor to the the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mark Worrall and to the Council's Chief Executive, Mr David Hughes.

From: The Rt. Hon. Sir John Stanley, M.P.



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29 October 2008

The Rt Hon Alistair Darling MP Chancellor the Exchequer HM Treasury 1 Horseguards Road London SW1A 2HQ

I attach a copy of the letter of October 9 that the Director of Finance at the Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Mrs Sharon Shelton, sent to you.

I am writing to give my strong support to the Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council's representations that the Government should extend to local authorities the protection that has been given to personal investors with Icelandic banks. I see no reason why the Council Tax payers in the Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council should be made to suffer financially when the Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council clearly took all proper and normal due diligence procedures before making its £1 million deposit with Landsbanki.