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Hi [REDACTED]

We have just been informed by Westminster Council that they have refused us permission to project the #TimeToAct on Big Ben despite being granted permission by the Speaker. Apparently we require planning permission to do this and they have only granted permission to do so once before – for the Olympics. The Council's concern is that if they say yes to us, they'll be opening the flood gates.

Other images have been projected onto Big Ben in the past, but they have been unauthorised.

This is obviously very disappointing as this was going to be a huge part of our public awareness activity. It would also have produced some great images for media which we'd hope would be used by UK and international media.

Is there anything that you can do to help us change Westminster Council's decision (made by the Chief Executive and a Cabinet Member)?

Many thanks,

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