



Lancashire,
Manchester &
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Subject: Letter of support for United Utilities Green Recovery proposals

Date: 19th January 2021

To whom it may concern,

As an organisation involved in the protection and enhancement of the environment and communities, we are keen to engage with partners to develop new initiatives that help to further these objectives. Having been involved in the development of the proposals that United Utilities would look to deliver we are pleased that these are aligned to the work we are progressing, particularly our work through the Lancashire Peatlands Initiative working with partners to restore peatlands and communicate their benefits to society and the environment, and our involvement in many areas with catchment partners, such as the Great Manchester Wetlands, to help deliver wide-scale outcomes for the benefit of wildlife and people. We are pleased that a partnership approach has been taken in identifying what can be achieved and how best it can be delivered.

We are keen to work in partnership to align delivery and maximise the results that can be achieved and are particularly supportive of the proposals below:

Fylde Coast

- Sustainable drainage and natural flood management to reduce flooding associated with surface water and sewers
- Delivering catchment interventions to reduce raw water pollution from pesticides and other contaminants to rivers to improve the quality of drinking water abstracted, support agriculture and create biodiversity

Greater Manchester

- Tackling invasive species at a catchment level to improve access to the river, restore native biodiversity, reduce health and safety risk and prevent further spread
- Catchment phosphorus management to reduce rural and urban pollution in line with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive as well as reducing other urban pollutants
- Sustainable drainage and natural flood management to reduce flooding associated with surface water and sewers

Peatland restoration

- Restoring peatland to slow the flow of water and retain greater quantities in the catchment to improve the environment for people, reduce water flows and flood risk, improve water quality and decrease the risk from wildfires.

We are supportive of these proposals and look forward to working with you in the future, to ensure delivery of these benefits for the communities of the North West.

Regards,

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