

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for environmental information. We appreciate your interest, and we want to let you know that your request has been carefully considered in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

Your request:

Thanks for reply. It would be helpful to know the reasons for the differences:

The requirement at Tarvin WwTW was to meet 0.25 mg/l, at Duddon 0.70 mg/l and at Utkinton 1.00 mg/l.

Furthermore, what is proposed for the RNAG:

- **Dane** — one UU phosphorus RNAG (Wheelock → Weaver)

It seems that only 21% of the phosphorous comes from WwTWs.

Our response:

The individual permit levels at each site are set by the Environment Agency (EA). The EA doesn't have a single, phosphorus standard limit that applies to all discharges. Instead, phosphorus limits are normally set on a site-specific, water quality basis, taking account of the receiving waterbody and the need to meet environmental objectives.

Water companies, and their regulators, work in five-year investment cycles called Asset Management periods, or 'AMPs'. We are currently in AMP8, which covers the period 2025 to 2030 and for the Weaver Gowly catchment, we are planning three projects to address RNAGs (Water Framework Directive Improvements (General) driver - WFD_IMPg). These are a weir improvement at Hug Bridge water treatment works as part of physical habitat enhancement and improvements at Bunbury wastewater treatment works (WwTW), both for the Gowly, and Winsford WwTW (Weaver Upper). However, meeting the water quality target associated with the RNAG also requires a partnership approach, so measures being taken in this catchment are supported by EA catchment coordinators, funded by the EA. The catchment coordinator acts as the primary contact and, for this catchment, that is the Weaver Gowly Catchment Partnership.

With regard to the meeting on 23 July 2026 that you mentioned in your response to our acknowledgement email, we understand that this is an EA led session that is looking into known agricultural impacts in the area, and how these can be fed into the development of the next River Basin Management Plan. United Utilities isn't planning to present any content in

this session, but we plan to send a representative.

We hope that this response answers your request. However, if you're not satisfied with how we've handled it, you can request an internal review. To do this, please write to us at Environmental Information Office, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere, Warrington, WA5 3LP or email us at EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk, addressing your request to [REDACTED], and explaining why you're unhappy with our response. We'll be very happy to review your request and ensure we've done everything we can to assist you.

Any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this response, and we will reply within 40 working days from receipt of the request for internal review.

Many thanks



EIR Team
United Utilities

We'd love to hear your feedback on how we handled your request! If you have a moment, please complete our short survey [here](#) – your input helps us improve our service.