



Subject: Letter of support for United Utilities Green Recovery proposals

Date: 6th 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 are looking to deliver, we are pleased that these align to the work we are progressing and 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 proposal put forward to enhance the River Irwell catchment which include:

- 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

We support of these proposals and look forward to working with you in the future, to ensure delivery of these benefits and wider benefits through development and delivery of complimentary activities for the environment and the communities of the North West.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Causer".

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