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To whom it may concern,

Subject: Letter of support for United Utilities Green Recovery proposals

As an organisation involved in the protection and enhancement of the environment, particularly the water environment, and the communities that benefit from a healthy environment 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 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 proposals below

- Sustainable drainage and natural flood management to reduce flooding associated with surface water and sewers
- Delivering catchment interventions to reduce phosphorus in rivers to meet the requirements of the habitats directive, support agriculture and create biodiversity
- Sustainable drainage and natural flood management to reduce flooding associated with surface water and sewers
- Delivering catchment interventions to reduce raw water pollutions from pesticides and other contaminants to rivers to improve the quality of drinking water abstracted, support agriculture and create biodiversity
- 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
- Restoring native 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 decrease the risk from wild fires.

We are supportive of these proposal 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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To secure the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of our rivers, streams, watercourses, water impoundments, banksides tributaries and estuaries in particular of the river Ribble, Calder and Hodder for the benefit of the public.

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