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Subject - United Utilities Green Recovery Proposals - Letter of Support

Dear Clare

I am delighted to write in support of United Utilities (UU) Green Recovery proposals, as you know, we have worked closely with UU for the last 6 years and we have delivered a wide range of projects which focus upon water quality, natural flood management and habitat creation. The UU ambition for green recovery is to be commended, there are a wide range of projects which will have far-reaching benefits for the environment of northwest England. Of course, we are particularly in support of your proposals for catchment management in the Franklaw Safeguard Zone, which will build on the work that we have delivered in partnership with UU in the since 2018. We are working closely with members of the Wyre Waters Catchment Partnership to deliver the aims of our integrated catchment plan across the Wyre catchment, many of the projects found within our plan align closely to your green recovery proposals.

The proposal for the Franklaw Safeguard Zone is valued at £400,000.00, this will give great impetus to a project which builds on our existing safeguard zone monitoring programme. Funding of such a magnitude will deliver a wide range of benefits to the Wyre catchment, its flora and fauna and its farming communities. There is also huge potential for the delivery of further additional work via complementary funding that can be levered with the budget for this project. As you are aware, we have a team of skilled staff, trustees and volunteers, our existing capacity when combined with additional resource from this project will allow us to deliver this work within the 31/03/2025 deadline. It will also build on the success of our existing work and really complement several of our other projects in the upper Wyre catchment, we expect that it will also highlight the benefits of collaboration between the water industry and environmental NGO's such as the Wyre Rivers Trust.

The project will also support new employment, existing jobs, and skills creation in our sector, this is vital to ensure that we can deliver effective farm advice, farm infrastructure and environmental improvements, which are sorely needed, given the climate and environmental emergency that we now find ourselves in.

Yours sincerely

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