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To Whom It May Concern

**Letter of Support for United Utilities project proposal:
Green Recovery resources for Greater Manchester**

I write to indicate our support for the United Utilities Green Recovery proposals for Greater Manchester.

The Greater Manchester Mayor has set out ambitious plans for the city region and our 5-Year Environment Plan outlines a range of activities to support the enhancement of the natural environment of Greater Manchester and to enable the city region to adapt to a changing climate.


We believe that the Green Recovery proposals developed by United Utilities will contribute to these ambitions and are happy to work in partnership with the company to support delivery of the proposals which, we believe, will:

- Help to tackle diffuse pollution, especially from phosphates, arising from urban and rural sources as a demonstration project that can help to inform similar interventions, in the future, across Greater Manchester and more widely.
- Tackle up to 60,000m² of invasive non-native plant species across the company estate and work with partner organisations to develop a coordinated catchment-based approach, centred on the River Irwell, to addressing these species.
- Deliver a number of sustainable drainage interventions in locations identified through the IGNITION project (an EU-funded programme led by GMCA) and other research. The sites have been selected to deliver the greatest possible value for money following calculations based on an industry-wide approved methodology.

We recognise the value of United Utilities' proposals to the enhancement of the natural environment of Greater Manchester alongside the additional social and economic benefits they will provide.

We look forward to being able to work with United Utilities to deliver this exciting multi-benefit project.

Yours sincerely,



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