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Subject: RE: UU response - Pre-Submission Publication Version of the Local Plan

Good afternoon Anne

As discussed, I'm happy to reiterate Adam's comments and to emphasise that we have no in principle objection to your emerging local plan. I think it is important to highlight that during the preparation of your local plan we have had meaningful dialogue and that I would anticipate this continuing as part of our ongoing close liaison.

As you know from our regular liaison meetings, United Utilities wishes to continue to emphasise the importance of sustainable surface water management, which is supported by the National Planning Policy Framework and the National Planning Practice Guidance. We wish to highlight our strong preference for development plan policies to emphasise the need to incorporate sustainable drainage with multifunctional benefits, which we believe are preferable to a reliance on conventional underground tanked storage systems. This is reflective of Paragraph 165 of the Framework.

We are also supportive of a masterplanning approach, especially on large sites and sites in fragmented ownership. We believe this helps drive high quality design and in particular helps to ensure a co-ordinated approach to on-site delivery of infrastructure. This is particularly important if sites are to be brought forward on a phased basis. A masterplanning approach also helps to ensure the principle of sustainable surface water management is embedded early in the design process and not left as an after-thought.

We are fully supportive of the principles of sustainable development both with respect to sustainable surface water management and also with regards to securing water efficiency measures in new development.

Finally, we would welcome site-specific policies which identify the need to ensure the delivery of sites in accordance with key principles. We believe this helps add certainty for the development industry when planning a development and also helps drive higher quality development for all.

I trust this clarifies our position in respect of the points you raise, however, please do let me know if you wish to discuss further.

Best regards - Andrew

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