

By email only: planningpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

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Our ref:

Date: 29-AUG-25

Dear Sir / Madam

ISSUES AND OPTIONS (REGULATION 18) CONSULTATION

Thank you for your consultation seeking the views of United Utilities Water Limited (UW) as part of the Local Plan process. UW wishes to build a strong partnership with all local planning authorities (LPAs) to aid sustainable development and growth within its area of operation. We aim to proactively identify future development needs and share our information. This helps:

- ensure a strong connection between development and infrastructure planning;
- deliver sound planning strategies; and
- inform our future infrastructure investment submissions for determination by our regulator.

UW wishes to highlight the benefit of early, constructive communication with the Council and site promoters to ensure a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of sustainable growth in sustainable locations. When preparing the local plan, new development should be focused in sustainable locations which are accessible to local services and infrastructure. We can most appropriately manage the impact of development on our infrastructure if development is identified in locations where infrastructure is available with existing capacity.

We encourage you to direct future developers to our **pre-application service** to discuss their schemes and highlight any potential issues by contacting:

Developer Services – Wastewater

Tel: 03456 723 723

Email: SewerAdoptions@uuplc.co.uk

Developer Services – Water

Tel: 0345 072 6067

Email: DeveloperServicesWater@uuplc.co.uk

To supplement this response, we have enclosed an **appendix** that provides supporting information and example policy wording for you to consider when preparing your new local plan. We have also enclosed evidence to support the implementation of the tighter standard for water efficiency.

We would welcome the opportunity to provide our comments on any sites that are suggested to you as potential development sites when available. We are keen to undertake an initial assessment so that this can be fed into your site assessment process and to ensure that any flood risks from our assets are reflected in your Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. Please ensure that you have regard to the main body of the letter and the associated supporting information, which includes recommended policies.

Moving forward, we respectfully request that the Council continues to consult with U UW for all future planning documents. In the meantime, if you have any queries or would like to discuss this representation, please do not hesitate to contact me at planning.liaison@uuplc.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

Mary Knight
Planning, Landscape and Ecology
United Utilities Water Limited

Enc. Supporting Information and Recommended Policies

Additional Evidence of United Utilities Water Limited (U UW) to Support the Tighter Standard for Water Efficiency in the Construction of New Residential Development

Water Resources West Water Efficiency in New Homes Evidence to Support Adoption of the Building Regulations Optional Requirement for Local Authorities in North West England and the Midlands