

Development Management

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Attachments: Environmental Masterplan Sheet 9 Fishwick Bottoms P03.pdf

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Hi Rob,

Below is the letter of support from Preston CC for the tree mitigation required to achieve the 5to1 replacement ratio for the scheme.

Anne-Marie has spoken with Preston's Estates Team who support the use of their land for tree planting. Fishwick Bottoms is the preferred location and the proposed works are shown on the attached Masterplan. A formal copy of the letter will be provided to LCC once it has been signed by Councillor Boswell.

Do you require anything else from us at this stage to support the use of the Grampian Condition?

Thanks,
Connor

Preston City Council

Dear Rob Hope

The £49M Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme is supported by Preston City Council in terms of the flood risk benefits and enhancements to the City of Preston. Preston City Council have supported the recent tree maintenance works along Broadgate which was approved by the Cabinet.

Preston City Council were instrumental in the securing of £6.525M in European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) to enable to scheme to go ahead and have been critical in the development of the scheme since 2017. We have attended all public and community events since 2019. Council teams have also been involved in the design of the improved flood defences as well as other enhancements for the city.

Tree mitigation is a recognised requirement of the scheme and the Council support the use of council land for tree planting where practical. We have suggested areas for mitigation and enhancement and are working with the Environment Agency to maximise the opportunities open to us. We understand that tree mitigation works must take place prior to the scheme completion. With this in mind, Preston CC will work with Lancashire County Council, South Ribble Borough Council and the Environment Agency to use best endeavours to find suitable locations across Preston and South Ribble for tree mitigation and enhancement. We have been in discussion with the Environment Agency with regard to suitable sites which would include Fishwick Bottoms and understand locations will be agreed prior to commencement of the scheme. Our Property Team are providing supporting information to the Environment Agency to carry our further engagement with regard to tree planting.

We look forward to seeing the start of the scheme construction

Yours sincerely

Cllr Boswell

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