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Dear Mr Hope

Preston and South Ribble Flood Risk Management Scheme

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 has also supported the recent tree maintenance works along Broadgate which was approved by the Cabinet.

Preston City Council was instrumental in the securing of £6.525M in European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) to enable the scheme to go ahead and has been instrumental in the development of the scheme since 2017. Officers/Members have attended all public and community events since 2019, and Council departments have also been involved in the design of the improved flood defences as well as other enhancements to the City.

Tree mitigation is a recognised requirement of the scheme and the Council supports the use of Council land for tree planting where practical. Officers have suggested areas for mitigation and enhancement and are working with the Environment Agency to maximise the opportunities open to the Council. It is understood that tree mitigation works must take place prior to the scheme completion. With this in mind, Preston City Council will work with Lancashire County Council, South Ribble Borough Council and the Environment Agency to use its best endeavours to find suitable locations across Preston and South Ribble for tree mitigation and enhancement. Officers have been in discussion with the Environment Agency with regard to suitable sites which include Fishwick Bottoms and understand locations will be agreed prior to the commencement of the scheme. The Council's Property department will be providing supporting

information to the Environment Agency to enhance further engagement with regard to tree planting.

I look forward to seeing the start of the scheme construction

Yours sincerely

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Mark Taylor

Assistant Director (Head of Neighbourhood Services)