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Cllr Nicola Beech
Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning and City Design
City Hall
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Dear Cllr Beech,

Environment Agency endorsement of the Bristol Avon Flood Strategy

We are pleased to have reached this important milestone for the emerging Bristol Avon Flood Strategy and recognise the hard work that has gone into getting this far.

Climate change brings the risk of more severe flooding, more often to the residents and businesses of Bristol. It is therefore vital that there is a plan in place across the city to reduce flooding both now and into the future. The proposals in the emerging strategy represent a sensible and cost effective way of reducing the risk of flooding from the River Avon for both existing and new homes and businesses. They will also enable a range of other opportunities to improve the city, which would be impossible to deliver by working alone.

The delivery of the Strategy will provide essential and enabling infrastructure and is a pre-requisite to sustainable growth and development in Bristol. The Environment Agency recognises the work that the Council is doing, to bring forward a funding strategy, and remains committed to working in partnership with the Council, and other stakeholders, to identify the necessary funding from a range of sources, and to further develop and help deliver the proposals set out in the Strategy.

We have a shared ambition for Bristol to be a thriving, sustainable and climate resilient City and we will do all that we can to support the Council in achieving this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Curtis".

Ron Curtis
Area Flood & Coast Risk Manager, Wessex East