

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

31 August 2021

Dear Secretary of State

GRANT AGREEMENT PUBLICATION DATA

I am writing this letter under clause 7.3 of the Grant Agreement between Defra and the Canal & River Trust dated 28 June 2012, as there will be a slight delay in publishing the Publication Data set out in Schedule 5 of the Agreement (in respect of the year 2020/21) beyond 1 September 2021.

The Publication Data is published by the Trust as part of its Annual Report & Accounts, which has been delayed this year due in part to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic compounded by some delays that have occurred in the external audit process.

We expect the Trust's Annual Report & Accounts to be published by mid-September, containing the Publication Data as in previous years.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Canal & River Trust