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Dear Mr Javid

Proposal to vary Community Water Fluoridation arrangements in Cumbria

Cumbria County Council (“the Council”) proposes that water fluoridation arrangements be varied to reflect a change in the water sources to be fluoridated and, as a consequence, change the area of the arrangements.

In accordance with Section 88J of the Water Industry Act 1991, as amended, the Council now seeks your opinion as to whether the arrangements as varied in accordance with the above proposal would be operable and efficient.

In accordance with paragraph (2) of the above section the Council has consulted with United Utilities (UU, the water undertaker) as to whether the arrangements as varied in accordance with the proposal would be operable and efficient.

In accordance with paragraph (5) we enclose the opinion of UU on this matter and further details of the proposal. The opinion of UU is that the water fluoridation arrangements as varied in accordance with the proposal would be operable and efficient. We must stress that UU have disclosed their opinion to us on the basis that it is solely used for the purpose of consulting with you and have sought assurances that it will not be made available publicly due to content which may be exempt from disclosure under FOI and/or EIR provisions. Where such a request is made for disclosure a redacted version of the report could be supplied for such purposes. UU can be contacted directly via their Chief Scientific Officer, Charmian Abbott at charmian.abbott@uuplc.co.uk.

In accordance with paragraph (2) of the above section we now seek your opinion as to whether the arrangements as varied in accordance with the proposal would be operable and efficient.

We have worked closely with Public Health England (now the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities) in this matter.

Should you require any additional information in respect of this request, please contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Consultant in Public Health) on [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]. It would be very helpful to us if you could provide an opinion within the next 14 days.

Yours sincerely

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cc.

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