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Dear Mr Metcalfe

Lancaster City Surface Water Management Plan

Thank you for your letter dated 12 September 2025, on behalf of the Lancaster City Councils Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The members have asked us to provide an update on both the flooding in Lancaster, and the Lancaster City Surface Water Management Plan. I understand that they plan to discuss the matters at a future meeting of the above committee.

We have shared the Surface Water Management Plan previously with Lancaster City Council. This remains the best advice available on how to manage the risks of surface water flooding in the city centre. We also provided the findings of our report to representatives of the flood risk management authorities. I understand that to date, we have yet to receive comments in respect of the report's recommendations.

Finally, I am grateful for the kind invite for us to attend a future town council meeting to discuss the above matters. We would only accommodate attending if this would help our understanding of an issue, or if we had further topics, which would benefit from discussion.

Our Flood Risk Management team will arrange a meeting with all our technical partners, where we will present our findings to those representatives who are considered to have strategic roles. We will assist them to identify potential medium-to-long term projects that may reduce or prevent future incidents of flooding in Lancaster.

As such we do not consider our attendance at a town council meeting necessary at this time.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



County Councillor Joshua Roberts
Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs, Environment and Communities.