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FAO: Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Water & Flooding) Emma Hardy MP

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Subject Re: Flooding in Cheadle Constituency

Dear Under-Secretary of State

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituents in Cheadle, who have once again been devastated by severe flooding. The recent heavy rainfall has caused widespread damage, with homes and businesses inundated, families displaced, and infrastructure stretched to breaking point.

This is not an isolated incident. In the last decade, Cheadle has experienced three ‘1-in-100-year’ flooding events—an alarming reality that cannot be ignored. Climate change is clearly accelerating the frequency and severity of these floods, yet our existing flood defences and aged sewerage systems are simply unable to cope. Local residents are exhausted and fearful every time heavy rain is forecast, knowing that without urgent intervention, their lives will continue to be disrupted in this way.

I fully appreciate that the previous Conservative government left the Environment Agency underfunded and unable to respond effectively to the scale of the crisis we now face. However, this government must take decisive action to protect communities like Cheadle from further devastation. We urgently need greater investment in flood mitigation measures, improved drainage infrastructure, and long-term resilience planning to ensure that residents are not left to suffer repeated hardship.

The £2.4 billion that your department is investing in flood defences is a welcome sight, and I sincerely hope that some of this funding will be allocated to Cheadle constituency, where it is so desperately needed.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how we can secure the necessary funding and support for Cheadle. More importantly, I invite you to visit the constituency at your earliest convenience to hear directly from those affected and to see firsthand the impact of the recent floods.

I look forward to your response and to working with you to deliver the improvements my constituents so desperately need.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Morrison
Member of Parliament for Cheadle