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Dear Sir,

RIVER YEALM REMEDIATION

On behalf of organisations represented at your presentation in Newton Ferrers, thank you for the brief and the supporting material.

We are now following up on the request that you made for feedback. At the Annex to this letter, we raise a number of questions that have arisen either from your presentation or through local stakeholder engagement. We would be grateful for your written answer to all of the questions.

At this stage, we highlight four areas of immediate concern. Firstly, there is evidence of contamination beyond your proposed remediation boundary and we need to understand how the wider area that has been contaminated will be managed.

Secondly, we believe that there is a need to continue sampling for verification for some time after completion of the remediation, we suggest on completion and then after a month, a year and five years.

Thirdly, there is concern about short term acute impacts due to a possible spike of resuspended material and pollutants in the estuary, with the possibility of longer-term chronic effects due to remobilization of contamination from anoxic sediments into an oxygenated environment.

Fourthly, there will be collateral damage from sediment removal due to the machinery and barges to be used: existing long-lived plants and animals living on top of the contaminated area will be removed which will likely de-stabilize the sediments.

We understand that you plan a public meeting in September and we have previously requested that you publish your plans in advance of that meeting. Please can you

advise, without delay the date, time and venue for the public meeting so that local consultation can be undertaken before your meeting.

Perhaps you can address these points when you respond to the questions at the annex.

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Annex A: River Yealm Stakeholder Questions