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Sent via e-mail to: douglas.millican@scottishwater.co.uk

Dear Douglas,

Improving Urban Waters

Thank you for your letter of 2 December setting out Scottish Water's route map for improving urban waters, as requested by SEPA.

We welcome the phased proposals set out in the route map and particularly appreciate your support for the long-term ambition of moving towards a circular economy for urban water management in Scotland. We are pleased to see your commitment to increase monitoring by 2024, to develop solutions for the sewer overflows causing the most significant impacts and to deliver improvements in water quality by 2027.

We note that you have stated that Scottish Water's current investment plan does not have the financial capacity to deliver further improvements by 2027, but that you will prepare the case for investment for consideration by Investment Planning and Prioritisation Group, chaired by Scottish Government. You have also highlighted the need to work with Scottish Government and other stakeholders to promote the investment required to fully implement the route map into the Ministers Objectives beyond 2027: SEPA will of course support you with this.

SEPA expects to receive regular updates on progress with the steps set out in the route map through ongoing regular liaison with Scottish Water. If necessary, we will use our regulatory tools to ensure that actions are progressed in accordance with the timetable we set out in our letter of 26 November to address these significant water quality and litter impacts.

As indicated in my previous letter, SEPA will work in partnership with Scottish Water to progress actions with other stakeholders, accelerating work with our existing partnerships and initiating new partnerships as set out in the route map.

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Following the Minister's announcement of the route map, SEPA will step up stakeholder engagement in early 2022 on the long-term ambitions for the urban water environment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Terry A'Hearn', written over a thin blue horizontal line.

Terry A'Hearn
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