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Dear [REDACTED]

EIR Reference: EIR/ID/427

Date: 01/07/2025

This note provides U UW's response to the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) request that you submitted on .

We appreciate your interest, and we want to let you know that your request has been carefully considered in accordance with the EIR.

**Your request**

***Could you please provide a detailed breakdown of any funding that United Utilities provides to Lancaster University? Could this be broken down into funding received by the university as a whole, as well as for individual research projects undertaken by academics at the institution?***

**Our response**

With regards to funding provided to Lancaster University, we provided funding of £11,794.40 in February 2020, which was in relation to a project around compensatory measures on the River Ehen.

There has been no further funding provided from February 2020 to the present day.

Our funding to Lancaster University is primarily to support with meeting specific environmental objectives, which is considered as grant funding. As you will be aware from the previous responses that we have sent to you regarding funding, our corporate payments system (SAP) does not separate core funding from grant funding.

For awareness, grant funding can be defined as an amount of money that a government or other institution gives to an individual or organisation for a particular reason, for example this could be used on a specific project, but they should only use the money for that project. Whereas core funding, can be defined as a donation which has no constraints, i.e. the money can be used for whatever the organisation likes including salaries, utilities etc.

We hope that this response answers your request. However, if you're not satisfied with how we've handled it, you can request an internal review. To do this, please write to us at Environmental Information Office, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere, Warrington, WA5 3LP or email us at [EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk](mailto:EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk), addressing your request to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and explaining why you're unhappy with our response. We'll be very happy to review your

request and ensure we've done everything we can to assist you.

Any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this response, and we will reply within 40 working days from receipt of the request for internal review.

Kind regards