United Utilities Water Limited

Oldham Local Plan Examination – Matter 10: Climate Change

Response to Questions 10.7 and 10.8

United Utilities Water Limited (UUW) welcomes the inclusion of water efficiency requirements within Policy CC4 of the Local Plan.

In response to the Inspector's questions, UUW submits its supporting evidence, '*Evidence Submitted by United Utilities Water Limited to Justify the Implementation of the Optional Standard for Water Efficiency in Part G of Building Regulations* (December 2025)'.

The evidence demonstrates the justification for implementing the tighter optional water efficiency standard of 110 litres per person per day for new residential development within the United Utilities Strategic Resource Zone.

In particular, it draws upon the company's Water Resources Management Plan 2024, which identifies significant and increasing pressures on water resources and the need for demand management measures alongside investment in new water resources infrastructure.

The evidence also considers the practical implications of implementing the tighter standard, including its achievability through the specification of water-efficient fittings and the absence of additional construction costs.

UUW therefore supports the proposed approach within Policy CC4 and considers that the submitted evidence provides appropriate justification for the implementation of the optional water efficiency standard.