



# Representing Drainage Water Level & Flood Risk Management Authorities

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## Anglian Water Business Plan 2020 - 2025

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### **ADA supports the importance of collaborative working across all water management sectors**

*Dear Sirs,*

We understand that you have received strong representation from Anglian Water challenging OFWAT's Final Determination of its 2020 – 2025 business plan.

On behalf of ADA, we would jointly like to express our full support for the bid put forward by Anglian Water which has been very much designed to develop and grow the excellent collaborative approach to wider water management which Anglian Water has embraced during the past AMP period. ADA has consistently argued that the UK's water sector must be fully collaborative in its ways of working, and having the water companies closely associated with the effects, consequences and opportunities surrounding flood and drought risk management is an essential part of that ethos.

As we champion the principles of catchment-based approaches, environmental improvement and economic enhancement, ADA fully endorses Anglian Water's plans that will encourage those principles. We believe that OFWAT's decision is short-sighted and singularly fails to recognise how Anglian Water embraces these principles. We would argue that in a post-flood period, the public expects and indeed is ready to support reasonable additional cost for greater collaborative working between water managers. The determination as it stands gives out entirely the wrong messages, not only about partnership working, but also about the value of water. In the current circumstances and with environmental and climate change imperatives upon us as a nation, ADA strongly urges the Competition and Markets Authority to re-determine Anglian Water's business plan in their favour so that greater partnership-led investment can be made in resilient water infrastructure across the region.

ADA looks forward to you considering ours and no doubt other representations from across the wider water management sector in favour of a more sensible redetermination.

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman

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Chief Executive

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