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To whom it may concern

As regional director for the CBI in the East of England I very much welcome the decision to allow the Essex Resilience Scheme which allows the transfer of raw water between the Abberton and Hanningfield reservoir, to mitigate the risk of substantial water supply loss to the local area, in the Provisional Findings by the CMA.

Essex is a growing county, in population and economy, so we need to make sure it can continue in this path. Having the critical underpinning infrastructure in place to allow this growth is key to allow the county and region fulfil its economic potential

The Abberton Scheme was a hugely successful example of collaboration between Essex and Suffolk Water, the community, local authorities and local businesses – to be able to finish the final element, to provide raw water security stops is a missed opportunity. The company has engaged with local authorities and the local business community in developing the scheme and it has wide support.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like any clarification on any of these points

Yours sincerely

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