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Dear Sir/Madam

Glasgow Low Emission Zone Consultation

Scottish Water welcomes the opportunity to comment on the above consultation paper.

We would like to confirm our broad support for the draft proposals and are encouraged by the increasing emphasis on improving air quality within Glasgow. We would note that any Scottish Water vehicles that would currently not meet the proposed standards are scheduled to be replaced by the end of financial year 2022/23. As such we can confirm that we would require the proposed grace period (until 1st June 2023) to allow us to replace any non-compliant vehicles.

Whilst our specialist long-life HGV vehicles are part of the above replacement programme, the industry is currently being affected by notable lead-time issues. Scottish Water would endeavour to fulfil our planned replacement programme as far as practical, though should replacement be delayed by matters outwith of our control, we may be required to request consideration of such vehicles being added to the exemption list.

We would welcome future dialogue should that continue to help inform the proposals.

Yours faithfully,

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