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To Whom It May Concern

As the Members of Parliament for North Dorset and Mid Dorset & North Poole, the constituencies covering the River Allen, we would like to express our wholehearted support for the River Allen Landscape Recover project, 'Winning the Allen'.

The River Allen in Dorset is an excellent candidate for this award and meeting the criteria for a successful determination. It is an exceptionally high value, rare chalk stream that supports a wide range of important and protected wildlife. The importance and rarity of our chalk streams is widely recognised and we want everything done to preserve and enhance them. The landscape also incorporates a variety of important archaeology, protected sites and scheduled monuments.

The initiative is led by a group of passionate farmers and landowners that manage the land alongside the river and who have generated strong support for the project from a range of local and national stakeholders such as Cranborne Chase AONB, Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust and the Wimborne Community Theatre. The pulling together of a wide range of landowners and farmers has required considerable dedication and perseverance. We believe this should be rewarded by success in this round of bidding underscoring, as it will, the importance and benefits of collaborative working.

As the local MPs we are proud to support this project which will protect an important landscape and engage the public with our local heritage and key environmental issues. Furthermore, the objectives are aligned with DEFRA's Environmental Improvement Plan 2023: building a greener more prosperous country.

We hope the process results in success and would be grateful if you could keep us informed as to progress. If a meeting would be beneficial then please contact me on simon.hoare.mp@parliament.uk and both of us would be happy to meet you.

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