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**To** Harris, Dave J.

**Cc** Kate Hendry

**Subject** Severn estuary grant proposal

Dear Dave Harris,

I was given your contact details by Rhoda Ballinger, with respect to your role as Chair of the Severn Estuary Coastal Group. In December last year, you kindly wrote a letter of support regarding our application to the NERC for a standard grant to investigate the silica flux in the Severn estuary and its role in supporting the important coastal foodwebs in the SW of the UK. Sadly our grant, like many, was not funded, however we have modified the proposal into the attached application for a PhD studentship as part of the Great Western 4 Universities (Cardiff, Bristol, Bath and Exeter) funding scheme. We are looking again for supporters, but also for Case funding partners, to the amount of 1k GBP per annum for 3 years. If you feel the attached proposal is of interest regarding research in the Severn and think it possible to source such Case funding, then this would be a major step in getting this important research funded. The Severn is not getting the research attention that it deserves or needs!

Many thanks,  
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