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way to go. Kneejerk reaction is natural but a carefully considered plan calling on the country's technical experts to have a full, proper and innovative review of our options is now needed.

ADA are calling for a number of subjects which we can and must consider more carefully moving forward, namely;

- Water levels and flood risk should be managed on a whole life approach.
- Investment for maintenance should be increased and determined on a multiyear basis.
- The Government's six-year capital investment programme should remain in place and be balanced against increased maintenance spending.
- Where Government withdraws from work because it is not cost effective under their funding formula, they should 'invest to save' so that local communities can take greater ownership of water level management assets and operations, through devolved accountability and decision making.
- Encourage land managers to contribute toward, and play a part in, flood risk management delivery.
- Support investment in water level and flood risk management innovation to enable new techniques to develop that allow us to adapt to our changing climate.

With added impetus, The Association of Drainage Authorities will be continuing to work hard with its members, a range of partners and government to promote this renewed thinking and for further information on the value of water level management to our social and economic wellbeing, please refer to ADA's website at [www.ada.org.uk](http://www.ada.org.uk) for further information.

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