



**Richborough Connection Project  
Effect of the Application on the Broad Oak  
Reservoir Proposal  
Issue Specific Hearing**

Friday 29 July 2016

Discovery Park, Building 500 (Lawrence Suite) Spitfire Way,  
Sandwich, CT13 9FR

9.30am for 10.00am start

**Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing**

To consider the effect of the application on the Broad Oak Reservoir Proposal.

**Agenda**

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Broad Oak Reservoir proposal**

*Statement of Common Ground*

Status of the draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with South East Water (SEW) submitted by the Applicant dated June 2016 (REP2-028).

*Top Water Level*

Justification for the additional capacity and flexibility above the 32.5m AoD top water level identified in the Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP).

*Sarre Penn Realignment Potential Design Conflict*

Overview of SEW and Applicant's positions on the potential for design conflict and identification of areas of difference between the parties in terms of the Sarre Penn realignment. The realignment will be considered firstly from PC8 to PC9 and then from PC9 to PC10. This overview and identification should include: reference to any requirements for vegetation alongside and associated with the realignment and fish pass; any requirements for high level canopy continuity; any evidence of potential significant harm to biodiversity interests; design requirements in terms of gradient and alignment; the potential for alternative realignment and fish pass routes;

increased management and maintenance; and the role of protective provisions including additional costs.

The purpose of this overview and identification is to consider, in as much detail as is currently possible, the main parties' positions on the individual elements of this agenda item. The Environment Agency (EA) and Natural England (NE) will be asked to comment on matters discussed, with particular reference to their positions set out in the submitted SoCGs and their views on the 36m AoD reservoir proposal.

#### *Other Areas of Potential Design Conflict*

Matters to be considered will include: construction constraints relating to future access to the reservoir; future access to the application proposal; the wider landscape and visual amenity (including reservoir users, future planning permission risk and any serious concerns on adverse effect); overhead line health and safety issues; migrating bird collision risk including any need for monitoring; the role of protective provisions including additional costs; whether any of the Applicant's suggested solutions to design conflicts would require additional application works outside of the scope of the current draft Development Consent Order (DCO).

#### *SEW Suggested Alternatives*

Applicant's response at this stage to each of the three alternatives including feasibility, timescale implications, cost and any further actions being considered. The EA and NE will be asked to comment on matters discussed.

#### *Adequacy of the Environmental Statement*

Applicant's response to SEW representations with particular reference to cumulative assessment and the absence of the proposed reservoir. The EA and NE will be asked to comment on matters discussed, with particular reference to the EA's position set out in the submitted SoCG.

### **3. Policy context**

Understanding the relationship between the Water Resources Act 1991 and the Planning Act 2008.

Policy framework set out in EN-1 and EN-5.

Implications of the Water Resources Management Plan 2015.

The status of, and any reference to, the reservoir proposal in relation to any emerging WRMP.

**4. Action points arising from the hearing**

Indicative timetable for any further discussions or negotiations between the Applicant, SEW, the EA, and NE.

**5. Any other business**

**Invited attendees:**

*All Interested Parties are invited to attend the hearing. The following parties are invited attend because the ExA considers that the material they have submitted raises issues that the ExA may wish to explore at the hearing:*

National Grid, the Applicant  
Canterbury City Council  
The Environment Agency  
Kent County Council  
Natural England  
South East Water