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Subject: FW: South East Water - Broad Oak Reservoir Proposal

From: Ian Brown
Sent: 16 March 2015 16:33
To: Doyle-Wildman, Michelle A
Cc: Dance, Lee
Subject: Re: South East Water - Broad Oak Reservoir Proposal

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Many thanks

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On 16 Mar 2015, at 14:11, "Doyle-Wildman, Michelle A" wrote:

Dear Ian

Many thanks for your time last week. It was a pleasure to meet with you - Lee and I found the meeting most helpful.

You mentioned that you would be happy to include a few lines from South East Water in your update paper to council members. Please feel free to use (any of) the following:

Broad Oak Water is a key part of South East Water's long-term plan to ensure the Company can supply the Canterbury area with top quality tap water in the future. The current plan is for Broad Oak Water to begin supplying the area by 2033.

Broad Oak Water is an exciting project that, once constructed, will not only help meet the demand for water of those living and working in Canterbury and surrounding areas but will also offer opportunities for local tourism and recreation. Crucially it will also lead to the creation of new habitats and enhance biodiversity in the area.

South East Water's current proposal, as given in the Company's 2014 Water Resources Management Plan (2015-2040), is that Broad Oak Water would hold at least 3,000 million litres of water supplying (at peak times) at least 13.5 million litres of extra water each day. This will help the Company meet the growing demand for water from both existing and new customers. Canterbury City Council has included the Company's water resources management plan and the proposed reservoir in its 2014 Local Plan consultation draft. The new reservoir will be one of the south east of England's key strategic water resources sites.

National Grid's Richborough Connection proposal includes plans to route pylons across the 'footprint' of the Broad Oak Water site. Since November 2013 South East Water has been in discussion with National Grid regarding how both utility proposals can be successfully delivered.

South East Water has made it clear to National Grid from the very earliest opportunity that it has real concerns that the alignment of pylons through the proposed route corridor could put at risk the Company's ability to deliver a reservoir at Broad Oak and, more specifically, the environmental requirements of the Environment Agency and Natural England including compliance with the Water Framework Directive.

South East Water has made a number of suggestions to National Grid which would ensure the future delivery of both essential utility projects, unfortunately these have not been fully reflected in the pre-consultation documentation. South East Water believes National Grid needs to give more consideration to all the options available and articulate how both schemes can become a reality.

South East Water will set these points out in more detail within its formal response to the pre-consultation which will be submitted by the closing date of 27 March 2015.


Please do get in touch with Lee or I if you need anything further or require support on development planning matters. We look forward to meeting and working with your new team members in due course too.

Kind regards

Michelle

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