



Date 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Secretary of State c/o Mr Matthew Sheard The Planning Inspectorate National Infrastructure Planning Temple Quay House Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6PN

Dear Matthew,

# Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project

## S46 Planning Act 2008 - notification of proposed application

I am hereby notifying you under section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the 2008 Act"), that Southern Water Services Limited ("the applicant") intends to submit an application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") for the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project ("the Project"), directed by the Secretary of State as a project of national significance under s.35 of the 2008 Act.

The applicant will shortly be commencing statutory pre-application consultation under Chapter 2 of the Planning Act 2008, taking place between 29 May and 23 July 2024. Further detail on our 8-week consultation is provided below.

## About the Project

The Project would use advanced treatment techniques to turn highly treated wastewater, that is usually pumped far out to sea, into purified recycled water at a new water recycling plant in Havant. This purified recycled water would be pumped via an underground pipeline to the Havant Thicket Reservoir where it would mix with spring water. Water from the reservoir would then be pumped along another pipeline to our Otterbourne Water Supply Works where it would be treated to strict drinking water standards before being sent into supply. The Project includes:

- Proposed water recycling plant and associated pumping stations
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- Proposed above ground plant comprising intermediate pumping stations and break pressure tanks located along the underground pipeline between the water recycling plant and Otterbourne
- Use of the Havant Thicket Reservoir for the storage of recycled water

- Use of the existing Eastney Long Sea Outfall for the release of reject water
- Other associated and ancillary development.

## Summer 2024 statutory consultation

The full set of statutory consultation documents is listed below and will be made available **from 29 May 2024 until 23 July 2024** on the Project's website at **www.HampshireWTWRP.co.uk** (QR code also available to scan below).

- Consultation brochure
- Feedback Form
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Statement of Community Consultation
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report Non-Technical Summary
- 2024 Scheme Development Summary
- Book of Plans

The applicant is providing these documents to section 42 consultees in an electronic format, via the Project's website (to which those consultees are being directed), to minimise the provision of paper documentation. However, hard copies of documentation are available at the specified deposit locations and available upon request.

Section 46 of the 2008 Act requires the applicant to send to the Secretary of State the information that it intends to provide to consultees under section 42 of the 2008 Act, on or before commencing section 42 consultation. Consistent with the section 42 consultees, the Secretary of State can access the above documents via the Project's website from 29 May 2024. However, should the Secretary of State require these documents in an alternative format, these can be provided on request.

In addition, the applicant has enclosed PDF versions of the following documents which will be sent to the relevant section 42 consultees, either in hard copy or by email (with their prior consent):

- Template of letter to be sent to consultees set out in section 42(1)(a) to (b) of the 2008 Act (including those prescribed in Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009)
- Template of letter to be sent to Category 1, 2 and 3 persons as defined in Section 44 of the 2008 Act as required by section 42(1)(d) of the 2008 Act
- Copy of section 48 notice

We would be grateful if you could please acknowledge that this section 46 notice has been received as a record of compliance.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Frost Planning & Consents Lead @southernwater.co.uk

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Dear Salutation,

# Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project

Section 42(1)(a), (aa) and (b) Planning Act 2008: Duty to consult on a proposed application

The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009

# The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

I am writing to you regarding Southern Water's statutory consultation on its Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project (the Project). You have been identified as a prescribed body or a local authority that may be interested in the Project and this letter is part of the statutory duty to consult under the relevant legislation. The consultation is an opportunity for you to find out more about the Project and share your views on our proposals.

# About the Project

The Project will transform how we source, treat and supply water across Hampshire. In the face of increasing environmental restrictions, population growth and climate change, the Project will help maintain essential water supplies for customers while taking less water from the environment, protecting the rare and sensitive chalk streams of the River Test and River Itchen.

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The Project has been directed by the Secretary of State as a project of national significance. We are therefore seeking consent for the Project under the Planning Act 2008 and anticipate making an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order in 2025. As the Project falls within the threshold set out in Schedule 2 paragraph 10(I) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 Regulations), the Project will require an Environmental Impact Assessment. Accordingly, we have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report as part of our consultation to help you understand the likely effects of our proposals at this preliminary stage of the Environmental Impact Assessment process.

## Statutory Consultation on the Project

Our statutory consultation is a key part of the planning process. Your views about the Project and how it may affect you will be considered as we refine our proposals before submitting our application for development consent.

Our eight-week consultation on the Project will run from 29 May 2024 until 23 July 2024.

Since our last consultation in Summer 2022, we have carefully considered feedback from the consultation, our ongoing engagement and information from surveys we have undertaken to select our proposed pipeline routes and locations for above ground plant. We now want to know what you think about our proposals including:

- The Project overall
- The proposed pipeline routes
- The proposed water recycling plant
- Proposed above ground plant along the pipeline routes
- The process undertaken to develop the Project up to this consultation
- The preliminary environmental and other impacts of the Project and initial proposals for mitigation.

We have lots of information available on our website, including a consultation brochure, consultation Frequently Asked Questions, PEI Report, PEI Report Non-Technical Summary, Statement of Community Consultation and much more, to explain the proposals so you can understand how they might affect you. You can find out more by:

- Visiting the consultation website at **www.HampshireWTWRP.co.uk**
- Attending one of **six consultation events** across south Hampshire
- Viewing reference copies of the consultation materials at one of **nine deposit locations**, as well as online at our website.

For further information on the statutory consultation, including dates, times and locations of the consultation events as well as the deposit locations, please see the enclosed notice provided under section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

#### How to respond to this consultation

#### Deposit Locations

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We want to hear your views about the Project. You can provide feedback by:

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- Writing to us with no stamp required at FREEPOST HAMPSHIRE WTWRP CONSULTATION
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The deadline for submitting responses to this consultation is 11.59pm on 23 July 2024.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Ending,

**Robert Lawless** 

Water for Life Hampshire Programme Manager

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Your ref

Our ref 23008223

Date 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Contact Te: 0800 254 5138

# Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project

## Section 42(1)(d) and 44 of the Planning Act 2008: Duty to consult on a proposed application. The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009

## The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

I am writing to you regarding Southern Water's statutory consultation on its Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project (the Project). This letter is being sent to all parties required to be consulted under section 42(1)(d) and section 44 of the Planning Act 2008. Accordingly, you are being consulted on the Project because you have been identified as someone with one or more of the following interests in land that may be affected by the Project:

- you are an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land which is in our proposed draft Order Limits;
- you have an interest in the land or have the power to sell or convey some of the land or release the land which is in our proposed draft Order Limits; or
- your property or land may, in due course, be affected by the carrying out of or the use of the Project which may entitle you to bring a claim for compensation in the future.

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The deadline for submitting responses to this consultation is 11.59pm on 23 July 2024.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

**Robert Lawless** WfLH Programme Manager

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# Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

## Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

- Notice is hereby given that Southern Water Services Limited (Company number 02366670) ("the Applicant") of Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order ("DCO"). The DCO, if granted, would authorise the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project (the "Project").
- 2. The Project would use advanced treatment techniques to turn highly treated wastewater, that is usually pumped far out to sea, into purified recycled water at a new water recycling plant in Havant. This purified recycled water would be pumped via an underground pipeline to the Havant Thicket Reservoir where it would mix with spring water. Water from the reservoir would then be pumped along another pipeline to our Otterbourne Water Supply Works where it would be treated to strict drinking water standards before being sent into supply.

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- **3.** The proposed DCO would also authorise:
  - The compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights and the taking of temporary possession of land;
  - The overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land;
  - Use of the Havant Thicket Reservoir for the storage of recycled water from the new water recycling plant;
  - Use of the existing Eastney Long Sea Outfall at Budds Farm Wastewater Treatment Works for the release of reject water from the new water recycling plant;
  - Use of pipelines that are being proposed separately by Portsmouth Water between Bedhampton Springs and Havant Thicket Reservoir;
  - The application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Project; and,
  - Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.
- 4. The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an EIA is required and the application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. The Environmental Statement will provide a detailed description of the Project and its likely significant environmental effects.
- 5. Information compiled so far about the Project's likely significant environmental effects is set out for consultation (see below) in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("the PEI Report") and summarised in a Non-Technical Summary.

# The consultation

- 6. The Applicant is undertaking statutory consultation on the Project from 29 May 2024 to 23 July 2024.
- 7. During this time, a copy of the PEI Report, together with a Non-Technical Summary of the PEI Report, a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), and other consultation documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project and which explain the Applicant's consultation process and details of the Project (together, the "Consultation Documents") may be viewed on the Project's website at: <u>www.HampshireWTWRP.co.uk/feedback.html</u>. The Consultation Documents will be available to read, download and print from 29 May 2024 to 23 July 2024.



 The Consultation Documents are also available for inspection free of charge at the following deposit locations from 29 May 2024 to 23 July 2024:

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**9.** The Applicant will also host drop-in events to provide opportunities to speak with members of the project team and view the Consultation Documents. The details of the events are as follows:

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- **10.** These drop-in events offer an opportunity to find out more about the Project and attendees do not need to register in advance to attend.
- For further information or queries on the Consultation Documents, please call 0800 254 5138 (free of charge); write to FREEPOST HAMPSHIRE WTWRP CONSULTATION (no stamp required); email <u>HampshireWTWRP@southernwater.co.uk</u> or visit <u>www.HampshireWTWRP.co.uk</u>.

#### To obtain copies of documents

- All Consultation Documents are available to read, download and print on the Project's website at: <u>www.HampshireWTWRP.co.uk/feedback</u>. These will be available until at least 23 July 2024.
- **13.** To ensure accessibility, on request, documents can also be translated, made available in large print, audio versions, braille and in a digital data format.
- 14. Hard copies of the Consultation Documents can be provided at a fee: £350 for all Consultation Documents including the PEI Report, or £100 for all Consultation Documents excluding the PEI Report.

## How to respond

- **15.** All responses or representations in respect of the Project must be received by the Applicant on or before 11.59pm on 23 July 2024.
- 16. Feedback can be provided through the Applicant's website at www.HampshireWTWRP.co.uk, by email at FeedbackHWTWRP@southernwater.co.uk or by post to FREEPOST HAMPSHIRE WTWRP CONSULTATION. Hardcopy feedback forms will also be available by request at public information events or at the public document inspection locations.
- Any responses to or other representations in respect of the Project can also be sent to the applicant by email <u>FeedbackHWTWRP@southernwater.co.uk</u> or by post (free of charge) to FREEPOST HAMPSHIRE WTWRP CONSULTATION.
- **18.** The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received on or before 11.59pm on 23 July 2024 when developing its application for a DCO once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be submitted as part of the Applicant's application for a DCO. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.
- 19. Any comments received will be analysed by the Applicant and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available in due course to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that your responses can be considered as part of the development of the Project. Your personal details will not be placed on public record, will be held securely by the Applicant and its appointed agents in accordance with the data protection law and will be used solely in connection with the consenting and regulatory processes, except as noted above, or in accordance with any legal requirements or process, and will not be passed to third parties.
- **20.** If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Project, please contact the Applicant by using one of the contact methods provided above.



