9<sup>th</sup> of October 2024

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To whom it may concern,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Didcot Town Council has been asked to comment on the SESRO application by Thames Water. The Planning and Development Committee have the following comments:

Didcot Town Council's Planning and Development Committee have raised several concerns with the proposed reservoir.

Firstly, the construction of the reservoir would take a considerable amount of time, causing major disruptions to the roads nearby, both in terms of traffic and the road conditions. The Committee would like to ask whether there would be any conditions or restrictions for heavy machinery to access the roads nearby.

The proposal would also have a negative impact on the local wildlife during the construction process and would reduce access to green spaces for the local residents.

Didcot Town Council have also raised a few queries regarding the proposal:

What amenities would be introduced by the scheme, such as leisure facilities?

Would local employment opportunities be provided during the construction and maintenance phases?

Would there be a biodiversity net gain once works are completed?

With best wishes,

Planning and Estate Officer. For and on behalf of Didcot Town Council.

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