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Your Ref:

Our Ref: WA02001

Date: 19 January 2024

Dear Jeanne Capey

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8

Proposed application by The Environment Agency and Surrey County Council for an Order Granting Development Consent for the River Thames Scheme (Transfer of Water Resources)

Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application

Thank you for your letter of 18 January 2024 confirming that the Environment Agency and Surrey County Council will be undertaking their statutory consultation under section 42, 47 and 48 and providing the documents below, prior to commencement thereof on 22 January 2024.

- Section 46 notice
- A copy of the covering letters sent to consultees under Section 42 of the Act.
- Section 48 notice.
- Consultation Brochure and Feedback Form.
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) (including supporting figures and appendices).
- Non-Technical Summaries of the PEIR, and flood modelling report.
- Other environmental documents.
- Map Book.
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
- Response to Non-Statutory Matters Raised 2022 Consultation.

I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an Order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following

reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:

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I also acknowledge notification in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that you propose to provide an environmental statement in respect of the Proposed Development.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other Interested Parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the Applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and/or provide advice as the case progresses through the Pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft Development Consent Order, Explanatory Memorandum, the Consultation Report and any draft Habitats Regulations Assessment. You may therefore wish to build this into your timetable.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When seeking to meet your pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the current data protection legislation to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Elliott Booth

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Case Officer

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers.

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