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8th November 2013

Dear Mr Wilson,

LB Hammersmith and Fulham is writing in relation to the additional information from Thames Water Utilities Limited that was made available on the PINs website yesterday (7th November) afternoon and on 23rd October 2013. The information provided is Thames Water's response to the Inspectorate's questions and includes a large amount of detail on key issues which has not been seen before by the local authority and is relevant to the hearing session on Monday, 11 November, at which LBHF is giving evidence.

The council feel strongly that the timing of these submissions, the sheer amount of new material, and the delay in making the information publicly available is unacceptable. There is insufficient time for the council to read and assess this information prior to the hearing session on Monday.

The council consider that participants cannot reasonably be expected to respond to this new material next week. Whilst the hearing may be able to be effective in respect of some matters, the ExA is invited to conclude that a further hearing session is scheduled at a later date, once this material has been considered properly. Without this opportunity we believe that those attending the hearing sessions will be put at a disadvantage and that a fair and thorough examination process will be compromised.

We welcome reassurance from the ExA that this process will not be undermined by the strict timetable that has been placed upon it and that everyone who has taken the time to get involved and aid the examination of this application will be given a fair hearing.

We will of course be attending the first hearing session on Monday where we will be reiterating these concerns and we hope that these will be considered by the ExA and that the examination can proceed at a sensible, transparent and realistic pace.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Gawthorpe', written in a cursive style.

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