



Secretary of State c/o
Mr Rammiel Burnie
The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Planning
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Date
5 March 2025

Dear Rammiel,

Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project

Section 46 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 has today commenced its Spring 2025 Consultation, taking place between 5 March and 4 April 2025. Further detail is provided below.

About the Project

As a reminder, 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.

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.

Further consultation on the Project

At the Summer 2024 Consultation, we explained that extensive water quality modelling was being undertaken and that the outputs of the modelling and assessment of effects would be fully reported in the Environmental Statement with our Development Consent Order application. That modelling has since progressed, so we are taking the opportunity to consult on the updated water quality information, as well as a number of project design refinements. As part of our Spring 2025 Consultation, we want to know what stakeholders specifically think about:

- Likely water quality impacts of the Project on the Havant Thicket Reservoir, connected downstream water bodies (including Riders Lane Stream, Hermitage Stream, and Langstone Harbour), and the Solent. Further detail can be found in the Water Quality Report on our website.
- Proposed refinements to the design of the Project that take into account feedback from the Summer 2024 Consultation, further investigations, surveys and assessments, and design

development, details of which can be found on our website and in the Consultation Information document.

Our four-week consultation will run from **5 March 2025 until 4 April 2025**.

The consultation documents are available on our website at **www.HampshireWTWRP.co.uk**.

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).

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 5 March 2025.

In addition, the applicant has enclosed PDF versions of the following documents which have been sent to the relevant section 42 consultees:

- Template letters 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 letters 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

Yours sincerely,



Water for Life Hampshire, Programme Manager

