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Subject: RE: Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project
Date: 12 June 2026 16:24:36
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon

Thank you for your email and attachment.

The application above was submitted on 28 May 2026 and the acceptance decision must be taken on or before 25 June 2026. The decision will be published on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#).

If the application is accepted, the following documents will also be published on the project webpage:

- The application documents (if they are not already published).
- Any Adequacy of Consultation Representations submitted by relevant local authorities.
- The Planning Inspectorate's acceptance checklist.

The acceptance tests

Section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 states that an application can be accepted provided:

- it is an application for an order granting development consent;
- that development consent is required for any of the development to which the application relates;
- the Applicant has, in relation to a proposed application that has become the application, complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure); and
- that the application (including accompaniments) is of a standard that the Secretary of State considers satisfactory.

The following must be considered when making the decision:

- a) The Consultation Report received with the application
- b) Any Adequacy of Consultation Representations received by the Planning Inspectorate from a local authority consultee.
- c) The extent to which the Applicant has had regard to government guidance.

If you have sent comments about the **Pre-application consultation**, these can be considered in addition to the statutorily required acceptance tests when making the decision about whether or not to accept the application. However, it will be for the decision maker (the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State) to decide the weight to give to the views expressed based on the individual facts of the case.

If you have sent comments about the **merits of the Proposed Development** (e.g. setting out support for, or objection to, the principle of the Proposed Development) these cannot be considered at the acceptance stage. Should the application be accepted for Examination you will be able to submit your comments as a 'Relevant Representation' and register as an Interested Party. Your comments must be submitted on the 'Registration and Relevant Representation form' which will be made available on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website at the appropriate time.

Further information about registering as an Interested Party can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: [How to register to have your say and make a relevant representation](#).

You may find it helpful to subscribe to [Get updates](#) by email on the progress of the above application.

Kind Regards



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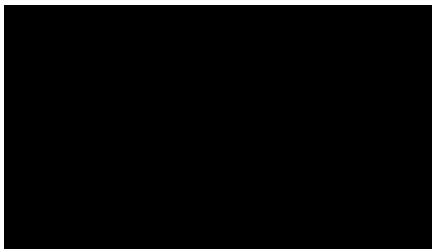
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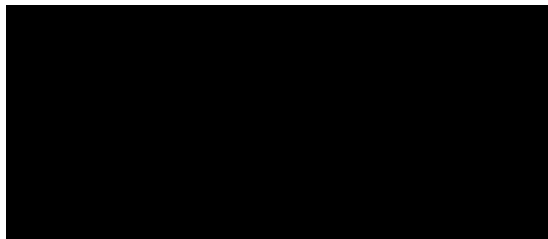
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Based on all the above-mentioned detailed concerns presented by Save Our Island & Hayling Island Residents' Association, as well as ³ Save Our South Coast Alliance and ⁴ Rowlands Castle Parish Council, we urge you to reject Southern Water's Application for Examination.

Signed:



Save Our Island



Hayling Island Residents' Association



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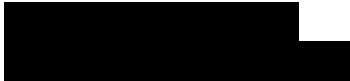
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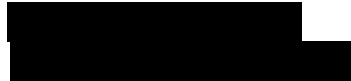
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