



Planning Act 2008 – section 61 and section 65

Application by Southern Water Services Limited for an order granting development consent for the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project (WA010002)

Notice of appointment of Examining Authority under rule 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Appointment of the Examining Authority

The above application was accepted for examination on 25 June 2026. This document provides confirmation of the Examining Authority that on **28 July 2026** has been appointed by The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, to examine the application.

Initial choice of panel or single appointed person

The Planning Inspectorate has considered the government guidance¹ which identifies criteria relevant to appointing an Examining Authority and has decided, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, that the application should be examined by a panel of 3 appointable persons.

Appointment of members and lead member of the panel

The Planning Inspectorate has considered the skill sets required for the panel members and suitability for leading the panel and has decided, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, to appoint Wendy McKay as lead member of the Examining Authority and Sharon Bennett-Matthews and Maria Rokicka as members of the Examining Authority.

These appointments are made in accordance with The Planning Inspectorate's conflict of interest policy.

The Planning Inspectorate

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government under delegated powers

¹ [Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-examination stage of an application - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-act-2008-guidance-on-the-pre-examination-stage-of-an-application) (July 2026)