

**PINs Relevant Representation Form
Section 56 Planning Act 2008**

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Your ref: WA010002

Date notified: 10 July 2026**Response deadline:** 24 August 2026**Project outline:** Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project**Response made by:** [REDACTED]**Telephone:** [REDACTED]

Date response issued: 20 August 2026**Representation:**

Historic England (retaining the formal title of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England) is the government service championing England's heritage and giving expert, constructive advice. It is our intention **not** to register as an interest party as part of the examination process for the above DCO application. This letter stands as an explanation of our decision.

We summarise our representation regarding this proposed project as follows:

1. There is some potential for this development to affect the historic environment (both designated and undesignated heritage assets), and consequently mitigation will be required to ensure these impacts are removed or minimised. We are aware the application includes an Environmental Statement (ES).
2. We have been in discussions with Southern Water and their representatives since 2023 on the details of the scheme and have provided extensive pre-application advice to them so that appropriate consideration is made with regarding any potential impacts to the historic environment within the ES.
3. Specific issues addressed were:
 - requirements for archaeological mitigation in response to the potential for non-designated archaeological remains to be impacted by the proposal;
 - requirements to understand any effects to hydrogeological systems and potential impacts to the preservation condition of archaeological and palaeoenvironmental remains;

- requirements for a geoarchaeological study to understand the potential for, and mitigate impacts to, Palaeolithic remains;
- agreement on assessment methodology, study area and baseline information;
- agreement on the Outline Written Scheme of Investigation and the proposals for further archaeological works (including geoarchaeology);
- agreement with the assessment of any potential impacts on the setting of designated heritage assets that any such impacts would be low negligible and satisfaction that this has been appropriately evidenced in the submission documents;
- agreement that appropriate mitigation has been secured for works affecting the Frith Farm aircraft crash site;
- agreement that proposals outlined in the indicative environmental master plan and biodiversity net gain plan are unlikely to cause harm to any designated assets, that it is clear within the OLEMP that consideration will be given to ensure this remains the case and that the DCO will contain provision that Historic England will be consulted on the final landscape and ecology management plan, prior to approval.

4. We are satisfied that the above matters and proposed mitigation have been satisfactorily addressed within the documents included in the submission by Southern Water, including the draft DCO. The matters are also covered and addressed in a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) that has been agreed between Southern Water (and their representatives) and Historic England.

5. Should consent be granted, Historic England's Science Advisor for the South East Region will continue to provide advice to the Local Authority Archaeologists monitoring works for this development.

6. Notwithstanding the requirement for eventual consultation with Historic England on detailed design, the enhancement opportunities and any changes to the scheme, we do not feel it necessary for us to continue our involvement in the Examination process.