

Application by Southern Water Services Limited ('the applicant') for the proposed Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project

Case Reference: WA010002

Examining authority's note of unaccompanied site inspections (USIs) relevant to the application or specified matters on Monday 7, Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 September 2026

The Examining Authority (ExA) for the application for the proposed Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project (the proposed development) undertook unaccompanied site inspections (USIs) on Monday afternoon 7 September (USI1), Tuesday 8 September (USI2) and the morning of Wednesday 9 September (USI3) 2026.

Examining Inspector Maria Rockicka was present on Monday 7 September. Examining Inspectors Wendy McKay (panel lead), Sharon Bennett-Matthews and Maria Rockicka were present on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 September.

The inspection was undertaken by car and on foot on public roads, public footpaths and publicly accessible land. A route was planned having regard to issues raised in relevant representations and matters arising from the application documents including viewpoints (VP) contained in the environmental statements (ES) for the landscape and visual assessment undertaken.

The main purpose of the site inspections was for the ExA to become familiar with the area and view locations associated with the proposed development for themselves.

Particulars of site inspection on Monday 7 September 2026 (USI1):

- The ExA commenced USI1 at 3.45pm by driving along the B2149 (Manor Lodge Road) towards Swanmore Road, the weather was dry and cloudy.
- The ExA parked on Swanmore Road to view the Havant Thicket Reservoir construction area.
- The ExA continued to Winterslow Road where they parked on the public road and walked down the public footpath into Staunton Country Park to view the Havant Thicket Reservoir construction and where the pipeline will leave the reservoir to Bedhampton Springs.
- USI1 ended at 5pm.



Particulars of site inspection Tuesday 8 September 2026 (USI2):

- The ExA commenced USI2 at 9.15am. In the morning the weather was overcast with rain, but visibility was generally good. In the afternoon, the weather cleared up with sunny spells.
- The ExA drove to Mill Lane in Havant, parked at Mill Lane and walked to view the proposed construction compounds B1-1 and B1-2 and highway and access works around Mill Lane. The ExA walked further onto the A27 pedestrian bridge to look at the Broadmarsh open space and the site of the proposed Water Recycling Plant (WRP) site.
- The ExA drove passed Meyrick Road and along Harts Farm Way to Broadmarsh Coastal car park and walked to VP 016 to view Langstone harbour and the site of the proposed above ground pumping station at Budds Farm Wastewater Treatment Works (WTW).
- From there the ExA drove back onto Harts Farm Way and passed Budds Farm WTW and parked at the end of Southmoor Lane in the public car park. The ExA walked along the seawall to view the site of the proposed above ground pumping station and Langstone Harbour.
- The ExA left Havant and drove along Portsdown Hill Road (B2177) with a first stop to view Gillman Road and site of the proposed construction compound D-7.
- The ExA continued to Widley where they parked along Victoria Avenue and walked along the public footpath to VP 018 and VP 019 looking towards the sites of the proposed construction compound E-1 and the proposed break pressure tank (BPT)/ intermediate pumping station (IPS)-E.
- From there the ExA drove down New Down Lane to gain a closer view of the proposed BPT/IPS-E location.
- The ExA continued to drive along Portsdown Hill Road past Fort Widley, Fort Southwick, DSTL Portsdown West and Fort Nelson passing the site of the proposed construction compounds E-3, E-4a and E-4b.
- The ExA drove down Monument Lane, Ashley Down Lane and Fareham Road and drove back down Ashley Down Lane to Boarhunt St Nicholas church to walk to VP 038 to view the site of the proposed construction compound E-6a.
- The ExA drove to North Boarhunt and along Tampers Lane and Hundred Acres Road. From there the ExA drove along School Road and Hoad's Hill past Wickham recreation ground and the sites of the proposed construction compounds G-1 and G-2. The ExA stopped at Chalk Lane to view VP 124 and the site of the proposed construction compound F-3 and IPS-F but due to a private road this was not possible.
- The ExA drove back along Knowle Road to view the Wellborne Garden Village construction area.



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- The ExA drove back along Wickam Road, down Fareham Road and down Tanfield Lane to the Wickham WTW to VP 054 along the Meon Valley trail and the site of the proposed construction compounds G-4 and G-5.
- The ExA travelled passed Wickham Square and along Winchester Road past proposed IPS-G and onto the High Street at Shirrel Heath to park at Nightingale Crescent. The ExA walked along the public footpath to VP 116 by the site of the proposed construction compound H-3. The ExA walked back and took the public footpath to VP 055 by the site of the proposed construction compounds H-4 and H-5.
- The ExA drove along Winchester Road through Waltham Chase, past Bishop's Waltham and onto Tangier Lane. However, due to the private road ahead of Tangier farm it was not possible for the ExA to park and walk to VP 077 and VP 079 using public routes.
- The ExA concluded USI2 at 4.50pm at Tangier Lane

Particulars of site inspection Wednesday 9 September 2026 (USI3):

- The ExA commenced USI3 at 9.15am. The weather was clear and sunny with occasional cloud cover.
- The ExA drove to Lower Upham along Winchester Road and parked along Stakes Lane near Winters Hill. Crossing Winchester Road, the ExA followed the public footpath (Pilgrim's way) to VP 084 in the vicinity of the sites of the proposed BPT-K and construction compound K-6.
- Driving towards Fair Oak, the ExA drove past the sites of the proposed construction compounds L-1, L-2, L-3, L-5, L-6, Marwell Zoo, Marwell Manor and Fisher's Pond.
- The ExA parked at Fair Oak Garden centre in Fair Oak/Eastleigh, viewed VP 093 and crossed Winchester Road and walked down the public footpath towards Scheduled Monument Park Pale Wood.
- The ExA drove past Fisher's Pond passing the sites of the proposed construction compounds L-7 and L-8.
- The ExA drove to Nob's Crook but due to the private road it was not possible to park and walk to VP 094 and VP 097 using public routes.
- The ExA drove along Church Lane and onto Wardle Road to view VP100 and the sites of the proposed construction compounds L-9 and L-10.
- From there the ExA drove along Kiln Lane and past Otterbourne Manor but could not view the site of the proposed construction compound M-1 due to the private status of the road.
- The ExA finalised USI3 at 12:45pm by parking at the Old Forge, Otterbourne pub and walking to VP 106 to view Greenacres Drive, the site of the proposed



construction compound M-2 and Otterbourne water supply works (WSW) in the distance.