Planning Inspectorate

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

Agenda for open floor hearing (OFH):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Open floor hearing 1 (OFH1)	Wednesday 11 November 2026 **Hearing starts at 2:30pm** Registration and seating available at venue from 2:00pm and virtual registration process from 2:00pm	**Fareham Innovation Centre, Merlin House, 4 Meteor Way, Fareham, Lee-on-the Solent, PO13 9FU** and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda items

1. **Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**

2. **Purpose of the open floor hearing**

3. **Agenda**

Item 1	**Welcome, introductions, and arrangements for the hearing**
Item 2	**Purpose of the open floor hearing**
Item 3	**Confirmation of those who have notified the Examining Authority (ExA) of a wish to speak, and the order in which speakers will be heard**
Item 4	**Oral representations from interested parties (IPs) and non-IPs** Speakers will be heard in the order shown in the list of participants at Annex A.
Item 5	**Responses by the applicant**
Item 6	**Close of the OFH**
Other	Any other matters relating to the articles

4. **Next steps**

5. **Closing**

Purpose of OFH

The purpose of the OFH is to enable any IP to make oral representations about the application directly to the ExA. Each IP is entitled to make oral representations at the hearing, subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing. Individuals who have no formal status in the examination may participate at the discretion of the ExA

Attendees

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Timing

The ExA will keep to the agenda as much as possible. The hearing is not expected to go beyond 4:30pm. The maximum speaking time will be 3 minutes for an individual and 5 minutes for a person speaking on behalf of a group or organisation. A digital timer in the hearing room will display the time remaining for each oral representation.

Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing.

Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the hearing to start on time at **2.30pm** those attending virtually should join promptly at **2.00pm** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

Procedure at OFH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at Hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to puts its case.

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Annex A

In person speakers			
Number	**Local Authorities (LAs)**	**LA/IP/Organisation**	**Speaking Time**
Individuals representing groups or organisations			
1.	Susan Cook	On behalf of herself and constituents as a Councillor for Winchester City Council	5 minutes
2.	Henry Brice	On behalf of Landowners professional agent (IP)	5 minutes
3.	Ronald Tate	On behalf of Bedhampton Heritage Alliance (IP)	5 minutes
4.	Paul Vignaux	On behalf of Test and Itchen association	5 minutes
5.	Martin Burton	On behalf of Upper Itchen Restoration Community Interest Company (IP)	5 minutes
6.	Bianca Carr	On behalf of SOSCA (IP)	5 minutes
Individuals representing themselves			
7.	Phillip Ireland		3 minutes
8.	Howard Smith		3 minutes
9.	Andrew Newbery		3 minutes
Virtual Speakers			
Individuals representing groups or organisations			
10.	Edward Chetwynd-Stapylton	On behalf of Portsmouth City Council	5 minutes
11.	Ben Clifton **or** James	On behalf of Hampshire County Council	5 minutes

	Hammond **or** Laura McCulloch		
12.	Suella Braverman MP	Member of Parliament for Fareham and Waterlooville	5 minutes
13.	Ben Baillie	Land Maker Ltd on behalf of Otterbourne Farm Ltd	5 minutes
14.	Chris Stanley	Rowlands Parish Council	5 minutes
Non-IP's			
15.	Clare Carlaw	On behalf of Affinity Water	5 minutes
In person speakers			
Non-IP's			
16.	Liam Bailey-Morgan	On behalf of himself and constituents as a Councillor for Winchester City Council	5 minutes
17.	David Snoswell		3 minutes