To: The Examining Authority, Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project (WA010002) **From:** Ed Jacob-Moffatt & Rhian Jacob-Moffatt, [redacted] **Interested Party reference:** [redacted] **Date:** 20/11/2026

Written representation: Construction Compound L-10, land east of Highbridge Road (B3335) and north of Wardle Road, Highbridge

1. Who I am and how I am affected

We live at [redacted] from Construction Compound L-10, shown on Sheet 25 of the Works Plans [APP-014]. We have 2 young children [redacted]. Ed commutes along Highbridge Road daily, and we use it several times a week to take our children to activities in Eastleigh. Our garden and living spaces face south towards L-10. We are surrounded by farm and agricultural animals (horses, cattle), and wildlife (muntjac deer, bats, owls, foxes) [redacted]. In these fields is a widely used public footbath that is enjoyed by ourselves and residents of Colden Common, Brambridge, Highbridge and Bishopstoke. The visual impact and noise levels caused by the compound would have a detrimental effect on the animals mentioned and the public, who use this much valued space for wellbeing, mental health and exercise. I object to the use of the proposed field as a construction compound and ask the Examining Authority to examine its location and impacts in detail.

2. Why I am writing now

Previous correspondence from Southern Water lacked sufficient detail. The nature of the compound (i.e., number of vehicles, conversion to parking space, working hours) was not clearly communicated to us until we heard via word of mouth from neighbours, in October 2026. We therefore did not submit a Relevant Representation by August 2026. I ask the Examining Authority to accept this representation.

3. Consultation did not reach the people most affected

Southern Water's *Construction Compound L-10 Overview and Background* (October 2026), written after a site meeting with residents on 13 October 2026, confirms that:

- the compound was first shown in the Summer 2024 consultation, within a Book of Plans (para 3.3.4);
- in that consultation only landowners within the draft Order Limits received letters; most of Colden Common received leaflets, posters, newspaper notices or social media posts (para 4.4.3);
- the compound was first proposed west of Highbridge Road and was moved to its current site, beside homes, after engagement with Natural England and the Environment Agency (para 3.4.4);
- Colden Common residents were not consulted at all in Spring 2026 (para 4.4.6).

The family who occupy the field allowed survey access for three years without being told it would become a compound (Relevant Representation of Mr S and Mrs JA Potts, 21 August 2026). If they did not know, neighbouring households could not be expected to. I ask the Examining Authority to require Southern Water to explain when and how residents next to L-10 were told about the compound and its move east of the road.

4. Construction traffic and road safety on the B3335

Southern Water forecasts the following for L-10 (its report, Table 1, drawn from the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan [APP-414]):

Vehicles	Average two-way trips per day	Peak two-way trips per day
Light goods vehicles	119	260 (for 4 months)
Heavy goods vehicles	19	75 (for 4 months)

The works would last 17 months. All HGVs would travel from M3 Junction 11 along the B3335, and the site access would cross the footway and bus stop on the east side of Highbridge Road, managed by a single traffic marshal (paras 2.4.4 to 2.4.5). This road is already problematic and suffers from bottlenecks, the alternative route via Kiln lane is also problematic as it is too narrow for two passing cars. Church lane is a critical road used by commuters and parents of Colden Common school, any issues with Highbridge road and Kiln Lane and the junction connecting the three roads causes significant congestion on Church Road, becoming gridlocked for miles.

One marshal is not adequate mitigation for up to 75 HGV movements a day on this road.

5. Working hours, noise, light and night working

Standard hours would be 07:00 to 19:00 on summer weekdays, 07:00 to 17:30 in winter, and 07:00 to 17:00 on Saturdays (para 2.2.1). Southern Water says overnight, Sunday and bank holiday working may be needed for tunnelling, with the council only notified in advance (para 2.2.2). L-10 is the launch shaft for the tunnel under the River Itchen, so continuous working here is likely. Our garden faces towards the proposed site, the land between us and compound L-10 is open agricultural land so the noise levels would be significant. We are concerned for the horses, cattle and natural wildlife that reside in these fields.

6. Duration and uncertainty

Southern Water expects L-10 to be used for 17 months but says this depends on the detailed programme (para 2.3.2), within a five-year build starting from 2028. The shaft's position is not fixed and could be moved closer to Highbridge Road (para 2.1.5). Residents cannot judge the impact when the main source of noise may move nearer their homes.

7. Environment and the land

- Southern Water's surveys class the hedgerow on the western side of the compound as an important hedgerow (ES Figure 8.9 [APP-239]). I ask it to confirm how much would be removed to form the access, and how it would be replaced.
- Its bat survey identifies trees [redacted] with roosting features suitable for multiple bats, possibly a maternity colony, yet relies on a 10-metre buffer (paras 5.2.1 to 5.2.2). We have observed many bats and heard owls whilst out in our garden or nearby fields at night. Night-time activity surveys and strict lighting controls should be required.
- The River Itchen is a protected chalk river (a Special Area of Conservation and SSSI). Pollution could reach it from the compound through run-off, drilling fluid, fuel or chemical spills and

disturbed landfill, via the stream on the eastern boundary of the site. Pollution prevention measures and water-quality monitoring should be secured in the Development Consent Order, not left to later plans.

- Residents report that run-off from these fields already contributes to flooding on Highbridge Road, which is sometimes closed as a result. We have seen the crescent our house is on totally flooded, the junction with Highbridge road congested by road closures and lorries needing to pump the water away. Replacing grassland with hardstanding, compacted ground and spoil heaps will make this worse. Southern Water should show how surface water from the compound will be held back so that run-off onto the road is no greater than today.

8. What I am asking for

1. Relocate the compound away from homes, or reduce it to the minimum needed for the shaft, with a full comparison of alternatives that includes a smaller footprint, plus the alternative sites A to D in Southern Water's L-10 report. Any of the other locations considered would be preferred, with a preference for Option D - Highbridge Farm.
2. Require Southern Water to explain why residents adjoining L-10 were never directly notified.
3. If L-10 remains, secure the following as requirements in the Development Consent Order:
    a. a maximum period of use;
    b. a fixed shaft location, or minimum distance from homes;
    c. no night, Sunday or bank holiday working except defined tunnelling operations, with advance notice to residents;
    d. noise, vibration, dust and lighting limits, monitored at nearest homes;
    e. HGV restrictions outside school and peak hours, reduced speed limit, safe pedestrian crossing and a relocated bus stop;
    f. acoustic hoarding, named community liaison officer and a 24-hour contact line;
    g. pollution prevention and water-quality monitoring to protect the river;
    h. surface water drainage so that run-off onto Highbridge Road is no greater than now;
    i. full reinstatement of the land.
4. Include L-10 and Highbridge Road in the Examining Authority's accompanied site inspection.
5. Require Southern Water to publish its historic landfill records and any contamination assessment for L-10 and the land either side of Highbridge Road.
6. Notify every household within 800 metres of L-10 directly at each future stage.
7. If the compound remains, require Southern Water commit to a voluntary compensation scheme for neighbouring households, covering disruption, loss of amenity and any fall in property value while the scheme is pending and during construction, secured in the Development Consent Order rather than left to later negotiation.

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