To: The examining Authority, Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project (WA010002)

From: Rosemary Court, [redacted]

Interested Party reference [redacted] 21/11/26

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**

I live at [redacted] approximately 90 metres from Construction Compound L-10, shown on Sheet 25 of the Works Plans [APP-014].

I live with my husband. I work from home several days a week and my husband one day a week. My three sons often work from home when they visit. I walk along Highbridge regularly often using the footpath across the proposed field to Wardle Road and continue my walk to Bishops Stoke and back along the river.

I object to the use of this field as a construction compound and ask the Examining Authority to examine its location and impacts in detail.

2. Why I am writing now

I first learned that a compound would be built in a field 90 meters from my home in August through a friend who is land agent who works for Savills. I never received a letter from Southern Water about the compound 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 own report, *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 [redacted], 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). The road is very busy in the early mornings heading to Allbrook and at home time heading towards Twyford and backing up on the turning up Church Lane It is often queueing past our driveway, at both times of the day. The rest of the time the road has many cars racing along the road as cut through and therefore I do not think that one marshal 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. This will potentially disrupt sleep for a prolonged period which is totally unreasonable. The noise, light pollution dust etc will Impact our use of the garden. Instead of eating outside in the summer months, we shouldn't be forced to stay inside. We would also have to keep windows closed to try and minimise the noise and dust during work hours as we work from home several days a week.

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 by the compound 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). There are streams of bats at dusk along that stretch .I was under the impression some were rare, but I have no evidence to verify that. Night-time activity surveys and strict lighting controls should be required.
- There is flooding along this stretch of road in winter I presume the site would add to the runoff run-off and increase the flooding onto the road
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- 8. Effect on homes and property

We were horrified to find that our neighbour was contacted by their mortgage lender and asked to repay their mortgage due to the project. This has created real[redacted] about selling or remortgaging during a long construction period. I wish to ask Southern Water to confirm in writing which rights, if any, it seeks over my property and how residents affected by blight would be compensated.

9. Other representations

I support the Relevant Representation of [redacted], who occupy the field.

10. 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.
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 at L-10;
    b. a fixed shaft location, or a 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 the nearest homes;
    e. HGV restrictions outside school and peak hours, a reduced speed limit, a safe pedestrian crossing and a relocated bus stop;
    f. acoustic hoarding, a named community liaison officer and a 24-hour contact line;
    g. full reinstatement of the land.

4. Include L-10 and Highbridge Road in the Examining Authority's accompanied site inspection.
5. Notify every household within 500 metres of L-10 directly at each future stage.
6. If the compound remains, Southern Water should commit to fair compensation for neighbouring households, covering disruption, loss of amenity and any fall in property value during construction, and this should be secured in the Development Consent Order rather than left to later negotiation.

Use of AI: This representation was prepared from a template drafted with Claude, an AI assistant made by Anthropic, using Southern Water's L-10 report (October 2026) and the published representation of [redacted]. I have checked, edited and personalised it, and the facts about my household are my own.

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