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Secretary of State
c/o Spencer Barrowman
The Planning Inspectorate
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16 June 2025

Dear Spencer,

Teddington Direct River Abstraction Project

Section 46 Planning Act 2008 – Notification of proposed application

I am hereby notifying you under section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act) that Thames Water Utilities Ltd intends to submit an application under section 37 of the Act for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to construct, operate, and maintain the Teddington Direct River Abstraction (TDRA) Project (the Project), directed by the Secretary of State as a project of national significance under section 35 of the Act.

The DCO application will contain full details on the Project and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations).

About the Project

TDRA is a drought resilience project designed to provide additional water capacity for London during drought conditions. It would operate intermittently, supplying up to 75 Ml/d when required. Modelling scenarios indicate the Project would typically only function during low river water flow periods in the River Thames, averaging once every two years, primarily between August and November.

The Project involves:

- Establishing a new abstraction intake on the River Thames approximately 350m upstream of Teddington Weir;

- Transferring the river water to the Lee Valley Reservoirs via the existing Thames Lee Tunnel;
- Recycling water using a new Tertiary Treatment Plant at Mogden Sewage Treatment Works;
- Transferring the recycled water through a 4.2km recycled water conveyance tunnel from Mogden to Teddington with an intermediate access shaft in Ham Playing Fields; and
- Releasing the recycled water through a new outfall approximately 180m upstream of Teddington Weir.

The Project would deliver enhanced drought resilience benefits from 2033 (for predicted 1-in-200-year drought events). This is required to meet water demand for a projected population of over 10 million people in London by 2050, with growth predicted of over 100,000 people a year. TDRA is a strategically important water resource due to the social, economic and environmental significance of London, the South of England and UK. It will play a critical role in meeting the water resources needs and resilience of this large geographical region.

TDRA is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined in the EIA Regulations. As such, we have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which will inform consultation and the production of an Environmental Statement. We have previously notified the Secretary of State under regulation 8(1)(b) that we propose to provide an Environmental Statement by letter dated 10 October 2024.

Statutory consultation on the Project

Statutory consultation will run from Tuesday 17 June 2025 – 11:59pm Tuesday 26 August 2025, which exceeds the minimum 28-day period prescribed by section 45(2) of the Act.

All consultation documents will be available from Tuesday 17 June 2025 – 11:59pm Tuesday 26 August 2025 to view and download free of charge online at www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon2025.

Hard copies of the consultation documents will also be available on request, and will also be available to view at Deposit Locations and Information Points identified in Appendix A to the Project's Statement of Community Consultation. Details of how to request hard copies and any related charges are set out in the section 48 notice (and are also provided in the Project's Statement of Community Consultation).

Enclosed documentation

In accordance with section 46 of the Act, please find enclosed electronic copies of the following documents, comprising the consultation documents, supplied to relevant consultees in accordance with section 42 of the Act:

1. Template letter sent to consultees under section 42(1)(a) to (c) of the Act (including those prescribed in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009;
2. Template letter sent to persons with land interests as defined in section 44 of the Act, as required by section 42(1)(d) of the Act;
3. The notice publicising consultation on the proposed DCO application, in accordance with section 47 of the Act, as published in the following publications listed below:
 - Hounslow Herald
 - Surrey Comet (Kingston edition)
 - Richmond & Twickenham Times
4. The notice publicising the proposed DCO application under section 48 of the Act, as published in the following publications listed below:
 - Hounslow Herald
 - Surrey Comet (Kingston edition)
 - Richmond & Twickenham Times
 - The Times newspaper
 - The London Gazette
5. Statement of Community Consultation;
6. Statutory Consultation Brochure;
7. Draft Overarching Design Principles;
8. Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) including the Draft Code of Construction Practice;
9. Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR;
10. Map Book 1: Draft Order Limits and Land Use;
11. Map Book 2: Tunnel Plans and Profile Drawings; and
12. Feedback form.

We would be grateful if you could please acknowledge that this section 46 notice has been received, as a record of compliance.

If you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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