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Teddington Direct River Abstraction Project – Supplementary Consultation

Section 46 Planning Act 2008 – Notification of proposed application

Dear Aamina,

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 of 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; and
- Releasing the recycled water through a new outfall approximately 180m upstream of Teddington Weir.

The Project would deliver enhanced drought resilience benefits (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.

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

Previous Statutory Consultation

We held a statutory public consultation on the proposed DCO application and PEIR between 17 June and 26 August 2025. Details of the statutory consultation and the consultation document library can be viewed online at www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon2025.

Supplementary Consultation

The Project has evolved as a result of statutory and non-statutory consultation and ongoing engagement with our stakeholders and local communities. We are now proposing changes to our proposals at land near Burnell Avenue and Beaufort Road consisting of proposed design changes and changes to the draft Order limits. These changes are the subject of a supplementary statutory and public consultation we are running for four weeks, from 21 May 2026 to 11.59pm on 18 June 2026, which meets the minimum 28-day period prescribed by section 45(2) of the Act.

The consultation materials will be available to view, during the consultation period at thames-sro.co.uk/TDRA/haveyoursay2026.

Printed copies of the consultation materials can be requested by calling 0800 124 4877 or by emailing info.TDRA@thameswater.co.uk.

The documents will also be available for collection from the start of consultation at Ham Library, Ham Street, Richmond, TW10 7HR.

Enclosed documentation

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

1. Template letters sent to consultees under section 42 of the Act (including those prescribed in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009);
2. Template letters 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. Supplementary Consultation Booklet; and
4. Feedback form.

Along with electronic copies of the following additional public engagement materials supplied to engage the local community:

5. Local newspaper advertisement; and
6. Consultation postcard.

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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