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Attention: Planning and Environment
Eastleigh Borough Council

Sent by email only

SLR Project No.: 433.000083.00001

**RE: River Itchen WTW Permanent Centrifuge – Request for an EIA Screening Opinion
Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations
2017**

I write on behalf of Portsmouth Water, regarding its proposals for a permanent centrifuge for separation of silt from raw river water on land within its existing River Itchen Water Treatment Works (WTW) to enclose an electronic copy of our request for an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion.

The request has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, as amended. Our assessment has suggested that the Proposed Development should be considered within Schedule 2 of the Regulations; is not located in a sensitive area and is above the relevant thresholds. It is not considered likely to result in significant effects on the environment.

I am aware that you will be familiar with the Regulations and such requests, but our experience suggests that a fully comprehensive approach to screening is useful in ensuring openness and transparency, particularly bearing in mind the requirement to place your decision on the public register. I hope that the format of the request is helpful in this respect.

I would be grateful if you could consider the aforementioned request and confirm whether Environmental Impact Assessment will be required for this project. I would also be very grateful if you can please confirm the scheduled date for the issue of the Screening Opinion and that officers have delegated powers to determine such a request.

In this instance, because of project timescales, we would unfortunately not be able to consider an extension to the statutory 21-day determination timescale set out in the EIA Regulations.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Regards,

SLR Consulting Limited



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Attachments EIA Screening Request
 Proposed Location Plan

