

Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

1. Notice is hereby given that Southern Water Services Limited (Company number 02366670) ("the Applicant") of Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order ("DCO"). The DCO, if granted, would authorise the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project (the "Project").
2. The Project would use advanced treatment techniques to turn highly treated wastewater, that is usually pumped far out to sea, into purified recycled water at a new water recycling plant in Havant. This purified recycled water would be pumped via an underground pipeline to the Havant Thicket Reservoir where it would mix with spring water. Water from the reservoir would then be pumped along another pipeline to our Otterbourne Water Supply Works where it would be treated to strict drinking water standards before being sent into supply.

The Project includes:

- Proposed water recycling plant and associated pumping stations
- Proposed underground pipelines between Budds Farm Wastewater Treatment Works and the Water Recycling Plant
- Proposed underground pipeline between the water recycling plant and Havant Thicket Reservoir
- Proposed underground pipeline between Havant Thicket Reservoir and Otterbourne Water Supply Works, via a pumping station at the water recycling plant
- Proposed pipelines between the water recycling plant and Bedhampton Springs
- Proposed above ground plant comprising intermediate pumping stations and break pressure tanks located along the underground pipeline between the water recycling plant and Otterbourne
- Use of the Havant Thicket Reservoir for the storage of recycled water
- Use of the existing Eastney Long Sea Outfall for the release of reject water
- Other associated and ancillary development.

3. The proposed DCO would also authorise:
 - The compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights and the taking of temporary possession of land;
 - The overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land;
 - Use of pipelines that are being proposed separately by Portsmouth Water between Bedhampton Springs and Havant Thicket Reservoir;
 - The application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Project; and,
 - Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.
4. The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an EIA is required and the application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. The Environmental Statement will provide a detailed description of the Project and its likely significant environmental effects.
5. Information compiled so far about the Project's likely significant environmental effects is set out for consultation (see below) in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("the PEI Report") and summarised in a Non-Technical Summary.

The consultation

6. The Applicant is undertaking statutory consultation on the Project from **29 May 2024 to 23 July 2024**.
7. During this time, a copy of the PEI Report, together with a Non-Technical Summary of the PEI Report, a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), and other consultation documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project and which explain the Applicant's consultation process and details of the Project (together, the "Consultation Documents") may be viewed on the Project's website at: www.HampshireWTWRP.co.uk/feedback.html. The Consultation Documents will be available to read, download and print from 29 May 2024 to 23 July 2024.

8. The Consultation Documents are also available for inspection free of charge at the following deposit locations from 29 May 2024 to 23 July 2024:

Bishop's Waltham Library

Free Street, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton, SO32 1EE

Cosham Library

Spur Road, Cosham, Portsmouth, PO6 3EB

Eastleigh Library

1 Swan Centre, Eastleigh, SO50 5SF

Fair Oak Community Library

Campbell Way, Fair Oak, Eastleigh, SO50 7AX

Fareham Library

Osborn Road, Fareham, PO16 7EN

Havant Library

Havant Meridian Centre, Havant, PO9 1UN

Leigh Park Library

50 Park Parade, Leigh Park, Havant, PO9 1UN

Paulsgrove Library

Paulsgrove Youth Community Centre, Marsden Road, Portsmouth, PO6 4JB

Waterlooville Library

The Precinct, Waterlooville, PO7 7DT

9. The Applicant will also host drop-in events to provide opportunities to speak with members of the project team and view the Consultation Documents. The details of the events are as follows:

Monday 10 June 2pm-8pm	Havant Rugby Football Club, Hooks Lane Ground, Fraser Road, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 3EJ
Saturday 15 June 10am-4pm	Meridian Shopping Centre, Elm Lane, Havant, PO9 1UN
Thursday 20 June 2pm-8pm	Southwick D-Day Memorial Hall, Priory Road, Southwick, PO17 6ED
Saturday 22 June 10am-4pm	Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1ED
Thursday 27 June 2pm-8pm	Colden Common Community Centre, Saint Vigor Way, Colden Common, SO21 1UU
Friday 28 June 2pm-8pm	Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, PO17 5AL

10. These drop-in events offer an opportunity to find out more about the Project and attendees do not need to register in advance to attend.
11. For further information or queries on the Consultation Documents, please call **0800 254 5138** (free of charge); write to **FREEPOST HAMPSHIRE WTRP CONSULTATION** (no stamp required); email HampshireWTRP@southernwater.co.uk or visit www.HampshireWTRP.co.uk.

To obtain copies of documents

12. All Consultation Documents are available to read, download and print on the Project's website at: www.HampshireWTRP.co.uk/feedback.html. These will be available until at least 23 July 2024.

13. To ensure accessibility, on request, documents can also be translated, made available in large print, audio versions, braille and in a digital data format.
14. Hard copies of the Consultation Documents can be provided at a fee: £350 for all Consultation Documents including the PEI Report, or £100 for all Consultation Documents excluding the PEI Report.

How to respond

15. All responses or representations in respect of the Project must be received by the Applicant on or before 11.59pm on 23 July 2024.
16. Feedback can be provided through the Applicant's website at www.HampshireWTRP.co.uk, by email at FeedbackHWTWRP@southernwater.co.uk or by post to **FREEPOST HAMPSHIRE WTRP CONSULTATION**. Hardcopy feedback forms will also be available by request at public information events or at the public document inspection locations.
17. Any responses to or other representations in respect of the Project can also be sent to the applicant by email FeedbackHWTWRP@southernwater.co.uk or by post (free of charge) to **FREEPOST HAMPSHIRE WTRP CONSULTATION**.
18. The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received on or before 11.59pm on 23 July 2024 when developing its application for a DCO once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be submitted as part of the Applicant's application for a DCO. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.
19. Any comments received will be analysed by the Applicant and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available in due course to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that your responses can be considered as part of the development of the Project. Your personal details will not be placed on public record except where this is required in accordance with legislation or legal duty such as land referencing, but will be held securely by the Applicant and its appointed agents in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Planning Inspectorate's Customer Privacy Notice and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal details will be used solely in connection with the consenting and regulatory processes, except as noted above, or in accordance with any legal requirements or process, and will not be passed to third parties.
20. If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Project, please contact the Applicant by using one of the contact methods provided above.

