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Dear Consultee,

Consultation on the future management of private water supply pipes

1. We are writing to invite views on the future management of private water supply pipes in England and Wales. Improved management of these pipes could help reduce leakages, ensure that our water supplies remain resilient and sustainable for the future, provide clarity over ownership and responsibility and help ensure drinking water quality standards are met.
2. The following documents relating to this consultation are available on the Defra website at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?publication_filter_option=consultations :
 - This consultation letter
 - Consultation document, including Impact Assessment and list of consultees
 - Impact Assessment as submitted to the Government's Regulatory Policy Committee
3. We would welcome comments and evidence on the proposals outlined in the consultation document. A list of consultation questions is in Annex B of the consultation document. If you wish to obtain a hard copy of this consultation document please email watersupplypipes@defra.gsi.gov.uk or telephone 020 7238 6281.

Responses

4. Please send responses to:

Email: watersupplypipes@defra.gsi.gov.uk



Or by post to:

Water Efficiency Team
Area 3D
Nobel House
17 Smith Square
London
SW1P 3JR

5. If your comments are specifically in relation to or have relevance to Wales, please also copy your response to:

Email: Water@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Or by post to:

Olwen Minney
Water Branch
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

6. Responses should be received by **4 July 2013**.

Consultation Criteria

7. This consultation is in line with the consultation principles. These can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>.
8. Any response you send us will be seen in full by Defra and Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by other Welsh Government and Defra staff to help them plan future consultations.
9. When this consultation ends, we intend to put copies of the responses in the Defra Intelligence Hub at Nobel House, London. This is so the public can see them. Members of the public could also ask for a copy of responses under Freedom of Information legislation.
10. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer that will not count as a confidentiality request.
11. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone requests this information under Freedom of Information legislation. However, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

12. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on the Defra website at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?publication_filter_option=consultations
This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not individual respondents' personal names, addresses or other contact details.
13. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the Intelligence Hub at:
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Telephone: 020 7238 6575

Email: defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk
14. Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.
15. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra's Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 629, 9 Millbank, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.
16. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours sincerely

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