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Date: 22/12/2023

Dear Mr Muncaster

TEDDINGTON DIRECT RIVER ABSTRACTION PROJECT: REQUEST FOR DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 35 OF PLANNING ACT 2008

Thank you for your letter dated 2 November 2023 requesting the Secretary of State exercises powers under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 to direct that Teddington Direct River Abstraction Project be treated as development for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008.

The Secretary of State requested further information from Thames Water Utilities on 17 November under section 35A of the Planning Act 2008 to inform his decision whether to give the Direction sought. This further information was received from Thames Water Utilities on 28 November.

Following review and consideration of your case the Secretary of State is content to give a direction for development to be treated as a development for which development consent is required. A signed Direction, including decision rationale, under section 35 of the Planning Act to that effect is attached.

This Direction is given without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of any application for development consent which is made in relation to this proposed development.

The direction, along with the cover letter, qualifying request, letter requesting additional information and the subsequent information received will be published on GOV.UK.

We request Thames Water Utilities engage with The Planning Inspectorate to provide the necessary details of the proposed scheme so that a project page can be set up on its National Infrastructure website and for the Direction notice to be subsequently published on that page.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Woolhead
Deputy Director, Water Sector Delivery