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Date: 11/10/2024

Dear Mr McMahon

HAMPSHIRE WATER TRANSFER AND WATER RECYCLING PROJECT – REQUEST TO VARY A DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 233(2) OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008.

Thank you for your letter sent via email on 27 September 2024 requesting the Secretary of State to exercise power under section 233(2) of the Planning Act 2008 ('PA 2008') to vary a direction made under section 35(1) of the PA 2008.

I am writing under section 35A(3) of the 2008 Act to seek more information from Southern Water for the purpose of enabling the Secretary of State to decide on whether to give the direction requested, and the terms in which it should be given.

Please can you confirm whether an application for a consent or authorisation mentioned in section 33(1) or (2) PA 2008 (as applicable) has been made in relation to the Principal Development to which your request to vary the direction relates.

If an application has been made under section 33(1) or (2), please provide the following information:

1. The date the application was submitted.
2. Under which subsection of section 33(1) or (2) has the application been made.
3. Does the application relate to:
 - I. The underground water transfer pipeline(s) to enable the transfer of approximately 90Ml/d of water during peak operation (i.e. during severe drought conditions) from Havant Thicket Reservoir to Otterbourne Water Supply Works (WSW).
 - II. High lift pumping station, either located at the site of the Water Recycling Plant (WRP) or located along the underground water transfer pipeline(s) between Havant Thicket Reservoir and Otterbourne WSW.
 - III. Second stage pumping station and break pressure tank located along the underground water transfer pipeline(s) between Havant Thicket Reservoir and Otterbourne WSW.

We also note that the letter we received was dated the 19th May 2024. Please confirm whether this is an error as we did not have sight of this request before the 27th September 2024.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Woolhead', is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

Martin Woolhead,
Deputy Director, Floods and Water