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Date: 18/10/2024

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 ('the Act') to vary a direction made under section 35(1) of the Act ('the Request').

On 11 October 2024 I wrote to you under section 35A(3) of the Act to seek more information 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.

Thank you for your response to that request for information, received on 14 October 2024.

I am now writing to you again under section 35A(3) of the Act to seek more information 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. The reason for seeking further information is that from previous communications with you in 2024, we believe that you may be aware of a planning application made by another body, expected to be decided in October 2024 that may relate, in part, to the Principal Development.

Please could you confirm, for the avoidance of doubt, that to your knowledge, no application for any consent or authorisation mentioned in section 33(1) or (2) of the Act has been made by any other authority or party in relation to any part of the Principal Development, as defined in the draft Direction included with the Request?

If, to your knowledge, an application as described above has been made under section 33(1) or (2), please also provide the following information to the extent reasonably possible:

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 90MI/d of water during peak operation (i.e. during severe drought conditions) from Havant Thicket Reservoir to Otterbourne Water Supply Works.
- (ii) high lift pumping station, either located at the site of the 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.

Yours sincerely



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