

Emails from Southern Water to Havant Borough Council and Chichester District Council regarding Local Plan consultations

Hi Gill,

I responded to everyone with the attached email on Monday, and apologies you weren't included on the circulation.

Please feel free to use anything included in the text and attachments within the email for your HRA. I also attach the Wastewater Position Statement produced in 2015 for PUSH (now PfSH) – the content should still be relevant. Hopefully amongst all of that you should be able to pick out some useful bits.

Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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[Forwarded email]

Dear all,

Further to this morning's meeting, I've prepared some explanation below regarding Southern Water's comments on Local Plan consultations. I also attach our Guiding Principles document, which provides fuller detail on the aspects of the Local Plan where we will seek policy provision.

When consulted on a Local Plan, if that Plan includes allocated sites for housing development, Southern Water will send the Plan out to its modellers for a 'capacity check'. This assessment looks at local infrastructure capacity only – ie; is the pipe size at the nearest connection point to the new development large enough to accommodate the additional flow. If not, Southern Water will need to carry out 'network reinforcement' before the development is occupied, to ensure that the network can carry the extra flow and avoid any increased risk of sewer surcharging, which could pollute the environment. This information is site specific hence policy provision on individual site allocations is requested as required in accordance with the results of the capacity check. Any subsequent planning application on the allocated site should make reference to the policy provision and be aware of the need for network reinforcement in advance. [I've also attached further information on SW's planning application responses, for more detail around where this fits in with the relevant legislation, in case this is useful].

We do not comment on wastewater treatment capacity with regard to specific site allocations in the local plan, unless the allocation is significant in relation to the existing population, and it is known that this development will be delivered within the first 5 years of the plan. Instead we look for policies that support the provision of infrastructure and that coordinate development with its provision. We are currently satisfied that this is covered by Policy S12 of the Preferred Options Local Plan (Dec

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2019). Due to the cumulative impact of new development on WTW capacity, and the timing of development delivery, which is usually unknown at the point at which a local plan is produced, such policy provision cannot be site specific, and may not be required if new infrastructure can be delivered before development comes forward.

Please let me know if you have any comments or questions on this – feel free to amend as required to fit into the SoCG.

Regards,

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