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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for consulting Thames Water on the above document. Thames Water is the statutory water and sewerage undertaker for the area and is hence a “specific consultation body” in accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) Regulations 2012.

Support for change to Policy EN6 – Sustainable drainage systems and water management

Thames Water support the proposed changes to Policy EN6(vii) and the associated supporting text in paragraphs 9.60 and 9.61 which reflect changes in the way that water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades necessary to support growth are delivered. These changes came into effect from the 1st April 2018. Since that time all network reinforcement work required to support development should be delivered by Thames Water and funded through the Infrastructure Charge applied to each property connected to the water and wastewater networks.

In order to ensure that any necessary upgrades are delivered ahead of the occupation of new dwellings developers are encouraged to engage with Thames Water in advance of the submission of any planning applications. Where there has been no engagement, this will increase the risk that phasing conditions may be sought to ensure that the relevant stage of development is not occupied until any necessary infrastructure is delivered in order to avoid potential adverse impacts such as sewer flooding or issues of low/no water pressure.

Support for Policy Q27 – Basement Development

Thames Water support the requirement in Policy Q27 b(ii) for new basement development to incorporate a positive pumped device. Such devices are essential to ensure that basement developments are protected from surcharging of sewers while also enabling flows from within the development to be directed into the sewer.

I trust the above and enclosed comments are satisfactory, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

Thames Water Utilities Limited