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Dear Sir or Madam,

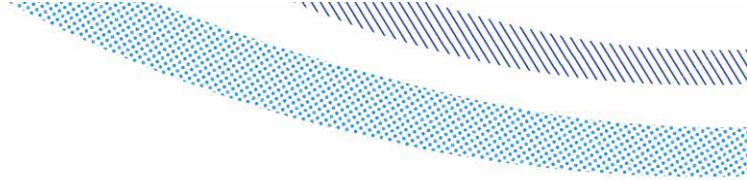
Southern Water Services Limited – planning application made under section 73 (S73) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the extension of time for the temporary use of 2no. test boreholes at the Bedhampton Mariners Cricket Club, Bidbury Lane, Havant, PO9 3JJ.

We write to you in respect of a S73 planning application submission for the proposed time extension to the use of 2 no. test boreholes at the Bedhampton Mariners Cricket Club grounds, consented in July 2023 for 18 months (ref. APP/23/00004). The current temporary planning permission is due to expire on 25th January 2025 (condition 1).

Background

Southern Water is currently developing a strategic water resource project, the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project (HWTWRP), to provide a new sustainable water supply to customers in its Hampshire supply area. As a drought resilience scheme, the project will maintain essential supplies to customers whilst reducing reliance on abstractions from Hampshire's sensitive chalk streams during a drought scenario.

The project, which has been deemed nationally significant by the Secretary of State, involves a new water recycling plant in Havant, and new underground water transfer pipelines between Budds



Farm Wastewater Treatments Works, the proposed site for the water recycling plant, the new Havant Thicket Reservoir and Otterbourne Water Supply Works. At some points along the pipeline we will need to install above ground plant such as break pressure tanks and intermediate pumping stations. More details about the project, which we consulted on over the summer, can be found here www.hampshirewtwrp.co.uk.

Part of the project involves a tunnel (containing two pipelines) between the proposed water recycling plant and Havant Thicket reservoir to transfer water between these two locations.

The test boreholes, which are the subject of this planning application, are needed as part of our overall ground investigations to provide information on groundwater, critical to the development of the design and alignment of the tunnel in this area. The boreholes were consented in July 2023 for a temporary period of 18 months which is due to expire at the end of January 2025.

This tunnel, referred to as our backup tunnel option, would not be needed if SW is able (subject to other necessary permissions) to utilise tunneled pipelines being proposed by PW (and subject to a live planning application ref no. APP/24/00405), thereby reducing the need for separate tunneled pipelines being constructed by both water companies through Havant. As PW's proposed tunnels are yet to secure planning permission, we must continue to progress our backup tunnel in order to ensure our project can viably operate.

The boreholes, located in the sensitive Source Protection Zone, provide key information on ground conditions, especially groundwater, in this location where our backup tunnel would pass through, and for as long as the tunnel remains an option, it is prudent and beneficial to continue the monitoring to build as robust data set of baseline monitoring as possible. It is therefore proposed to retain the current boreholes to enable continued monitoring for up to a further 12 months, or until such earlier time as it is determined that our backup tunnel option is no longer required.

Description of Development

The boreholes would remain as consented. Both have a width of 200mm. BH101 has been drilled to a depth of 30 metres and BH102 to 50 meters. The existing small above ground headworks would remain in place for the extended monitoring period.

The 2 boreholes will continue to be enclosed by the palisade fencing (c. 2.5m by 2.5m area) for the extended monitoring period.

Following the extended monitoring period, both boreholes will be filled in and the land reinstated to its original condition and all fencing will be removed. (see Decommissioning Detail Plans).

Decommissioning Timescales

On completion of the extended 12 month monitoring period, the boreholes will have their casings removed and will be backfilled with appropriate material and capped with head material and topsoil to ensure the land is restored to its previous condition as agreed in the first temporary consent, ref APP/23/00004 (see Decommissioning Detail Plans 710166-SWS-XX-XX-DR-Z-03703 and 710166-SWS-XX-XX-DR-Z-03706).

Table 1 sets out the proposed construction vehicles to be used during demobilisation of the monitoring compounds.

Table 1. Construction Timescales and Vehicles Visits

Construction Phase	Total vehicle visits at each phase	Duration
Demobilisation period	4 lorry loads to deliver the Tackmat and a forklift	8 days
	1 rigid lorry	
	2 light vans 4x4	
	2 Tractor trailer unit (water delivery)	

During the extended 12-month monitoring period, monthly visits will continue to be made by 1 or 2 technicians arriving by car or small van to collect the data and take water samples from the headworks.

Noise Levels – during the monitoring period

Ongoing monitoring of the boreholes will not involve any machinery or noise. However, decommissioning of the boreholes after the monitoring period will involve noise levels similar to those experienced during installation.

Public access to footpaths at the car park during demobilisation and sampling and monitoring periods

The only restricted areas will continue to be the 2no. borehole monitoring compounds. At the end of the further 12-month monitoring period, the sites will be completely restored and the compounds entirely removed and public access restored.

The vehicle turning and delivery area shown in the car park will also have a temporary restriction whilst equipment collections are made. Collections would typically be made during weekday mornings when the car park has minimal public occupancy. Approximately 3 parking spaces will be hoarded off with heras fencing for a maximum of 8 days during demobilisation. The parking spaces will remain open at all other times.

Site and Surroundings

Both sites are located within the public open space associated with the Bedhampton Cricket Ground.

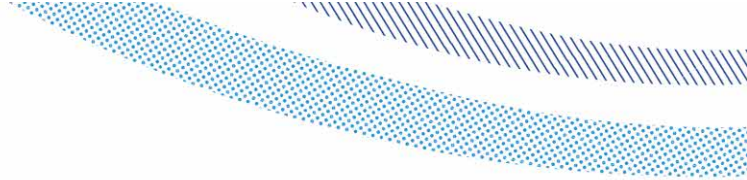
BH101

The borehole monitoring compound for BH101 is located to the western edge of the playing field to the north of Bidbury Lane. The monitoring compound has been sited to enable the football pitch to remain in full use.

St Thomas' Church and 2 residential properties lie 30 metres to the west. There is an allotment site adjacent to the south of Bidbury Lane. There are residential properties 140 metres to the east of the playing field, along King's Croft Lane.

BH102

The borehole monitoring compound for BH102 is located to the northeast corner of the Bedhampton Cricket Ground. As with BH101, BH102 has been located off the Cricket Pitch to enable the ground to continue to be used for cricket and football throughout the extended monitoring period.



Access

Both BH101 and 102 are accessed via the existing access road and carpark from Bidbury Lane. During the extended monitoring period, operatives will continue to attend the two monitoring compounds on foot only in order to take readings and water samples from each borehole.

A 5m x 5m area of the car park would be used during demobilisation for the collection of equipment following the end of the monitoring period. During demobilisation, approximately 3 car parking spaces will be closed for up to 8 days to act as a safe area to load equipment onto lorries (please refer to the above vehicle movements table).

Environmental considerations

To minimise disruption to nearby residents, the following measures have been implemented for the decommissioning period:

Working hours will be at the least sensitive times (08:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday) only.

The boreholes have been micro-sited where possible to maximise distance to nearest residential properties, this has been carefully balanced with minimising impacts on the public open space and ensuring we remain within the narrow corridor of our required ground investigation area.

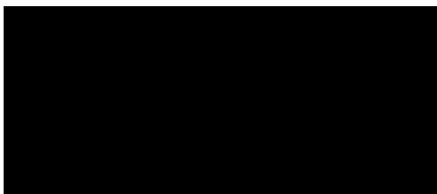
We wish to emphasise the small scale and temporary nature of these works. At the end of the monitoring period, the sites will be completely demobilised and the land will be fully restored to its previous condition.

Restoration

A method statement was submitted in accordance with condition 4 (Ref: APP/23/00004) in November 2023 to enable the condition to be partly discharged. A restoration methodology will be submitted to cover the full restoration of the BH101 and 102 sites following the decommissioning of the boreholes.

We trust that this letter is fully explanatory, however, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or would like to discuss any issues raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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