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Surrey CC EIA Case: 017-033

27th July 2017

Dr. Jessica Salder
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Dear Dr. Salder,

River Thames Scheme Capacity Improvements and Flood Channel Project: Request for an extension of time for preparation and adoption of a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

Following our meeting on 18th July, I am writing in connection with your letter dated 6th July 2017, submitted on behalf of Surrey County Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, Elmbridge Borough Council, Runnymede Borough Council, Spelthorne Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames, and the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames, and requesting until the 2nd October 2017 to prepare and adopt an EIA scoping opinion for the River Thames Scheme.

My client, the Environment Agency, recognises the complexity of the scheme and that posed by the requirement for the seven planning authorities to prepare and adopt a single EIA Scoping Opinion. Whilst they remain disappointed by the length of the extension requested by their project partners without prior warning through discussions at the Consents and Authorisations Advisory Group, and the impact that this will have on the project programme, they are willing to accept it in the absence of a better alternative.

Yours sincerely,

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