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17th June 2025

Ref: TDRA\_S42\_A2C\_020

Dear Chris and Robert,

### **Teddington Direct River Abstraction (TDRA) Project**

#### **Statutory Consultation under Section 42(1)(a) to (c) of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017**

We are writing to you regarding the proposed Teddington Direct River Abstraction ('TDRA') Project ('the Project'). This letter has been sent to you to formally notify you of the statutory consultation on the Project which launches on **17 June 2025** and lasts for 10 weeks until **11.59pm on 26 August 2025**. We have a statutory duty to consult you, as you are listed as a statutory party under section 42(1)(a) to (c) of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') and/or Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('EIA Regulations').

The Project is being promoted by Thames Water Utilities Ltd of Clearwater Court, Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8DB. As a statutory undertaker, we are legally obligated to provide water and sewerage services to our customers. This includes responsibility for maintaining public water mains and sewers, as well as treating wastewater.

### **The Project**

TDRA is a drought resilience project designed to provide additional water capacity for London during drought conditions. It would operate intermittently, supplying up to 75 MI/d when required. Modelling scenarios indicate the Project would typically only function during low river water flow periods in the River Thames, averaging once every two years, primarily between August and November.

The Project involves:

- Establishing a new abstraction intake on the River Thames approximately 350m upstream of Teddington Weir;
- Transferring the river water to the Lee Valley Reservoirs via the existing Thames Lee Tunnel;
- Recycling water using a new Tertiary Treatment Plant at Mogden Sewage Treatment Works;
- Transferring the recycled water through a 4.2km recycled water conveyance tunnel from Mogden to Teddington with an intermediate access shaft in Ham Playing Fields; and
- Releasing the recycled water through a new outfall approximately 180m upstream of Teddington Weir.



The Project would deliver enhanced drought resilience benefits from 2033 (for predicted 1-in-200-year drought events). This is required to meet water demand for a projected population of over 10 million people in London by 2050, with growth predicted of over 100,000 people a year. TDRA is a strategically important water resource due to the social, economic and environmental significance of London, the South of England and UK. It will play a critical role in meeting the water resources needs and resilience of this large geographical region.

We sought and obtained a direction from the Secretary of State under section 35 of the Act which confirms that the Project will be treated as development of national significance for which development consent is required. We intend to make an application for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under Section 37 of the Act. It is anticipated that the proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:

- The construction, operation and maintenance of the Project and associated development;
- The compulsory acquisition of land rights in or over land and imposition of restrictions, powers to override, suspend or extinguish rights over land and the temporary use of land;
- The application, modification and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including that relating to the compulsory acquisition of land; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development as defined in the EIA Regulations. Therefore, we have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR'), which will inform consultation and the production of an Environmental Statement.

Please also find enclosed a copy of the notice which publicises the proposed application, as required by Section 48 of the Act and Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations.

### **The Statutory Consultation process**

Our consultation runs for 10 weeks, from **17 June to 11.59pm on 26 August 2025**. There are many ways you can get involved, find out more about the Project and have your say on the proposals. We have prepared consultation materials to explain our proposals, which include:

- Statutory consultation brochure
- Feedback form
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
- PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
- Draft overarching Design Principles
- Map Book 1: Draft Order Limits and Land Use
- Map Book 2: Tunnel Profile and Plan Drawings

We have also prepared two videos, explaining how the Project works and how it will be constructed, as well as an interactive map.

All consultation materials will be available to view, free of charge, during the consultation period at [www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon2025](http://www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon2025).

Hard copies of the consultation materials can be requested by calling 0800 124 4877 or by emailing [info.TDRA@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:info.TDRA@thameswater.co.uk). Printed copies of all consultation documents may also be requested, although a charge of up to £200 (including VAT, postage and packing) may apply.



The documents will also be available to view free of charge from the start of consultation at:

Location	Opening times
Isleworth Leisure Centre and Library, Twickenham Road, Isleworth, TW7 7EU	Monday and Thursday: 9:30am – 8pm Tuesday and Saturday: 9:30am – 5:30pm Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, Bank Holidays: CLOSED
Twickenham Library, Garfield Road, Twickenham, TW1 3JT	Monday: 9:30am – 7pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30am – 6pm Wednesday: 10am – 7pm Saturday: 9:30am – 4pm Sunday: CLOSED
Ham Library, Ham Street, Richmond, TW10 7HR	Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 9:30am – 6pm Wednesday: 10am – 7pm Saturday: 9:30 – 4pm Thursday and Sunday: CLOSED
Tudor Drive Library, 192 Tudor Drive, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 5QH	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10am – 6pm Wednesday and Sunday: CLOSED Saturday (alternate weeks): 10am – 1pm or 2pm – 5pm
Teddington Library, Waldegrave Road, Teddington, TW11 8NY	Monday: 9:30am – 7pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30am – 6pm Wednesday: 10am – 7pm Saturday: 9:30am – 4pm Sunday: 1pm – 5pm Bank Holidays: CLOSED



### Public information events

We are hosting eight in-person drop-in public information events where you can find out more about the Project and ask questions to the Project team. You can register your interest for these events by visiting [www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon25](http://www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon25).

Venue	Date	Time
Isleworth Public Hall, South Street, Isleworth, TW7 7BG	Wednesday 25 June 2025	2pm – 8pm
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St Richard's Church, Ashburnham Road, Ham, TW10 7NL	Saturday 12 July 2025	10am – 4pm
The Lensbury (Wimbledon Room), Broom Road, Teddington, TW11 9NU	Thursday 17 July 2025	2pm – 8pm
Kingston Academy, Richmond Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 5PE	Saturday 19 July 2025	10am – 4pm

### Online information events

We are also hosting two online events which will include a presentation from the Project team summarising the proposals, the consultation process and how to respond. Attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions to the Project team. Both webinars will present the same information. Details of how to register can be found on the consultation website at [www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon2025](http://www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon2025).

Webinar	Date	Time
Online information event 1	Tuesday 8 July 2025	12pm – 1pm
Online information event 2	Wednesday 16 July 2025	7pm – 8pm



## How to provide feedback

We encourage you to have your say on the Project by giving us your written feedback in one of the following ways:

- Fill in the online feedback form, accessible via the consultation website which you can find at [www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon2025](http://www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon2025);
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- Fill in one of our printed feedback forms, which are available from one of our eight public information events, from locations within the community, or by requesting that one is posted to you by the Project team. Completed printed Feedback forms may be posted free of charge to **FREEPOST TDRA CONSULTATION**. Pre-printed envelopes with the FREEPOST address are available where there are printed feedback forms. No stamp is needed;
- Write to us free of charge at **FREEPOST TDRA CONSULTATION**.

**All feedback must be received in writing by 11.59pm on Tuesday 26 August 2025.** Responses received after that date may not be considered. We cannot guarantee acceptance of consultation responses submitted via other channels.

If you have any questions about the consultation materials or process, please contact the Project team at [info.TDRA@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:info.TDRA@thameswater.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Dubois".

Leonie Dubois

Head of Engagement, Land and Consents – Thames Water Strategic Resource Options

*Please see the s48 notice enclosed.*

*Please note that representations received and any accompanying personal data, such as the names of persons over 18, may be made public. Those not wishing their personal information to be made public should state so when submitting their representation. Responses and personal data may be provided to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate or other relevant statutory authorities in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. To find out about how we will manage your personal data please refer to our Privacy Notice [www.thameswater.co.uk/legal/privacy-notice](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/legal/privacy-notice).*





# Teddington Direct River Abstraction

## Section 48 Planning Act 2008

### Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Thames Water Utilities Ltd

Clearwater Court, Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8DB

Notice is hereby given that Thames Water Utilities Ltd of Clearwater Court, Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8DB ('the Applicant') intends to submit an application to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for development consent ('the Application') for the Teddington Direct River Abstraction (TDRA) Project ('the Project').

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TDRA is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined in the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. As such, the Applicant has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which will inform consultation and the production of a final Environmental Statement.

Consultation on the Project will take place from **17 June to 26 August 2025**. The Applicant will make available the PEIR, a non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEIR, a consultation brochure, Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and other documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project.

From the start of the consultation these documents and information will be available to view and download free of charge via the consultation website at [www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon2025](http://www.thames-sro.co.uk/tdra/statcon2025). The consultation documents and information will all be available online for at least the duration of the statutory consultation period.

Printed copies of the consultation documents can be viewed free of charge at a number of local libraries. Printed consultation brochures and feedback forms will also be available to collect free of charge from these locations. The Project website at [www.thames-sro.co.uk/TDRA](http://www.thames-sro.co.uk/TDRA) includes details of these library locations and opening hours.

From 17 June 2025, the Applicant will post out printed copies of the brochure and feedback form free of charge (one set per household) on request. Printed copies of all the consultation documents may also be requested, although there may be a charge for this, up to a maximum of £200 (including VAT, postage and packing).

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