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Good afternoon Matthew,

Thank you for your email which has been passed to myself to review and respond to direct.

Please see response below (in green text) to the points your require further comment on;

1. Which treatment works will be managing the sewage for the above development. This development is in the Uckfield Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) catchment.

2. Confirmation that the treatment works has sufficient capacity for the proposed development. Uckfield WWTW has sufficient capacity for the proposed development.

3. Has the relevant sewage treatment works experienced operational issues in the last year (i.e. unconsented discharge or other issues). If yes, please provide information and details of how the matter was resolved. As discussed in the meeting with Wealden on the 26th September 2022, the Future Growth Planning team are unable to respond to enquiries relating to operational issues at our WWTW's and this information would need to be obtained via our Environmental Information Request team. This is the correct process for internal and external contacts, however, to facilitate this process we are willing, and have passed details of your consultation directly to the EIR team on your behalf and they will respond directly within 20 days from the date the request was received. This will ensure that your enquiry for environmental information is logged and managed effectively and we assure you that this is simply our process for this type of request.

4. Confirm that the capacity is inclusive of all committed developments that would also use the same treatment works. To respond to this question, it is important to clarify how we apply the Water Industry's standard methodology for predicting population growth in wastewater catchments in accordance with Ofwat requirements.

   For the seventh Asset Management Plan (AMP7), Southern Water prepared growth forecasts for each WWTW in the period 2020 to 2025 and any investment required to meet demand will be carried out in this period. The forecasts were prepared based on;

   (a) housing trajectories provided by planning authorities,

(b) published five-year supplies of housing land, and
(c) an Experian population forecast, which is derived from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) for each wastewater catchment.

Planning is now underway for the AMP8 business plan, for investments in the period 2025 to 2030 which will also incorporate the forecasts of WWTW catchment growth based on (a) and (b) above, as well as a new population forecast from Edge Analytics which is also based on ONS data.

In addition to the above, within each AMP, we annually update housing projections based on local authority published data to check whether this is consistent with the forecasts prepared for the business plan. Where we observe significant increase, this is fed back to the asset planners for inclusion in their design horizon calculations.

Current and future planning applications (i.e. 'committed developments') are inherently incorporated within these projections.

Kind regards,

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