



Planning Policy

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Haringey - Local Plan: Strategic Policies Consultation on the Inspector's Main Modifications

Thank you for consulting Thames Water Utilities Ltd (Thames Water) regarding the above. As you will be aware, Thames Water are the statutory water and sewerage undertaker for the Borough and are hence a “**specific consultation body**” in accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) Regulations 2004 (as amended in May 2008). Our comments on the consultation document are as follows:

Modification Ref: 16- 153 – 99 – 4.2.3

Thames Water welcomes the additional sentence on water saving targets.

Modification Ref: 17-154-99

Thames Water welcomes the inclusion of an additional paragraph titled ‘sewage services’ and an acknowledgement of the proposals to: improve the Thames Tideway Sewage Treatment Works (STW) and the Lee and Thames Tunnels. However, we consider that the proposed paragraph requires improvement/clarification.

Deephams STW also serves a large part of the Haringey Borough and this should be acknowledged in the new paragraph (in addition to Beckton and Mogden STWs). Deephams STW is situated in Edmonton in the Borough of Enfield and has a catchment that extends across an area of 249km² including the northern part of Haringey and therefore has a strategic role in providing sewage treatment within North London.

The Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade is identified in the National Policy Statement for Waste Water, March 2012, as a potential Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). In addition to catering for population growth within

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Haringey and surrounding Boroughs, the project will improve the water quality of the Salmon's Brook and River Lee, through improving the treatment of influent at Deephams STW.

We are currently undertaking our Phase 1 public consultation on the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade project which runs until 24th October 2012 (see our website for more details: www.deephamsconsultation.co.uk). The consultation sets out our preferred option of building the upgrade on the existing Deephams Sewage Works site (rather than a replacement site). If this option is confirmed it is unlikely the project will constitute a NSIP under the Planning Act 2008 and hence a planning application will be submitted to the London Borough of Enfield.

Given the importance of the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade to providing the sewage/waste water treatment infrastructure to accommodate growth in the Haringey Borough, we consider that the Core Strategy should contain support for the project.

Proposed Change

Include text along the following lines in the sewage services paragraph:

“Proposals for waste water treatment infrastructure development that are necessary to provide capacity to meet predicted demand and to meet environmental standards set by the Environment Agency, such as the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade, will be supported in principle. LB Haringey will work with Thames Water and the Environment Agency to ensure that adequate and appropriate waste water treatment infrastructure is provided to meet environmental standards and planned demand and that new development takes place in tandem with of the waste water treatment infrastructure necessary to accommodate it.”

The sewage services paragraph should also be amended to identify that Deephams STW serves a large part of the Haringey Borough, that the Upgrade is required to accommodate population growth within Haringey and that the preferred option is currently to Upgrade the existing STW rather than construct a replacement on a new site.

We trust the above is satisfactory, but please do not hesitate to contact Thames Water if you have any queries.

Yours Faithfully

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