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Planning Policy Response



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Dear Sir / Madam,

DRAFT PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SPD – SENT ON BEHALF OF THAMES WATER UTILITIES LTD

Thames Water Utilities Ltd (Thames Water) Property Services function is now being delivered by Savills (UK) Limited as Thames Water's appointed supplier. Savills are therefore pleased to respond to the above consultation on behalf of Thames Water.

It is our understanding that Section 106 Agreements can not be required to secure water and waste water infrastructure upgrades. However, it is essential to ensure that such infrastructure is in place to avoid unacceptable impacts on the environment such as sewage flooding of residential and commercial property, pollution of land and watercourses plus water shortages with associated low pressure water supply problems.

Therefore Thames Water has encouraged supportive policies within other Local Plan documents such as the Core Strategy and Managing Development Document. They would request the councils support in getting these policies referenced in the emerging neighbourhood plans and other Supporting Planning Documents (SPDs), and were developers cannot demonstrate capacity within the network exists, planning permission is not granted.

I trust the above is satisfactory, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.