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## South Oxfordshire – Wheatley Draft Neighbourhood Plan June 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thames Water are the statutory water supply and sewerage undertaker for the Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan area and the whole of the South Oxfordshire District and are hence a “specific consultation body” in accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012.

### Paragraph 4.36 – Water Supply and Sewerage

Thames Water support paragraph 4.36 specifically where it encourages developer to engage early with Thames Water. Thames Water now operate a pre-planning service which is the mechanism for this early engagement. As such the Neighbourhood Plan forum may wish to strengthen paragraph 4.36 by including the following:

*Thames Water encourages developers to use their free pre-planning service (<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/preplanning>). This service can tell developers at an early stage if there will be capacity in Thames water and/or wastewater networks to serve their development, or what they will do if there is not.*

*The developer can then submit this communication as evidence to support a planning application and Thames can prepare to serve the new development at the point of need, helping avoid delays to housing delivery programmes.”*

### Site Specific Comments

The attached table provides site specific comments from a desktop assessment on sewerage and water supply infrastructure.

We hope this is of assistance. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Carmelle Textor on the above number.

Yours sincerely

**Thames Water Utilities Ltd**