



Office of Water Services

Water Industry Act 1991 Section 8(3)

*Proposal by the Director General of Water Services
to vary the Appointments of Three Valleys Water plc
and Anglian Water Services Ltd as water
undertakers*

Site at Fairfield Park and Lower Wilbury Farm

The site

The Fairfield Park and Lower Wilbury Farm site is at Hitchin Road, Arlesey, Bedfordshire. It is at present within the Water Supply Area of Anglian Water Services Ltd.

The proposal

The Director General of Water Services (the Director) proposes:

- i) to vary the Appointment of Three Valleys Water plc (Three Valleys) as a water undertaker so that it includes the Fairfield Park and Lower Wilbury Farm site in its Water Supply Area; and
- ii) to vary the Appointment of Anglian Water Services Ltd (Anglian) as a water undertaker by excluding the Fairfield Park and Lower Wilbury Farm site from its Water Supply Area.

This proposal is possible because the Fairfield Park and Lower Wilbury Farm site does not currently receive a supply of water from Anglian (and is therefore not at present served by Anglian).

The Director considers that this proposal, if implemented, will facilitate competition in the provision of water supplies. The owners of the site or their representatives have also said that they want the site to be within Three Valleys' Water Supply Area. Three Valleys has confirmed that, if this application is successful, its existing customers will not pay for or subsidise this proposal.

Customer representation

The Director provisionally considers that WaterVoice Thames will be the appropriate customer service committee to represent the customers on the Fairfield Park and Lower Wilbury Farm site.

Consultation

Any representation about, or objections to, the proposals should be sent in writing to Beryl Brown, Head of Competition Policy, Office of Water Services, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham B5 4UA (fax 0121 625 1379) so as to be received no later than 5pm on Thursday 15 July 2004.