

**WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY
WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTIONS 6 TO 9 AND 11**

**Variation of the Appointments of SSE Water Limited and Thames Water Utilities Ltd as
Water and Sewerage Undertakers**

Made on 28 March 2011
Coming into effect on 29 March 2011

1. SSE Water Limited ("SSE Water") and Thames Water Utilities Ltd ("Thames Water") both hold Appointments as water and sewerage undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").¹ The areas to which the Appointments of SSE Water and Thames Water as water and sewerage undertakers relate ("Water Supply Area" and "Sewerage Services Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
2. The site at Great Western Park, Didcot, which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation ("the Site"), is within Thames Water's Water Supply Area and Sewerage Services Area. The Site is being developed by Taylor Wimpey.
3. SSE Water has applied under section 7(4)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991 ("the Act") for a variation of its Appointment as a water and sewerage undertaker to include the Site and for a consequential variation of Thames Water's Appointment as a water and sewerage undertaker.
4. On 27 June 1995, the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales acting jointly and pursuant to sections 6(1) and 7(2) of the Act authorised the Director General of Water Services² to make variations such as those contained in paragraph 5 below. After public consultation, as required by section 8 of the Act, the Water Services Regulation Authority has decided that it should grant SSE Water's application without modification.
5. Therefore, as provided by sections 7(2) and 7(4)(b) of the Act, and with the agreement of Taylor Wimpey, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**—
 - (a) the Appointment of SSE Water as a water and sewerage undertaker so that the Site is included in SSE's Water Supply Area and Sewerage Services Area; and
 - (b) the Appointment of Thames Water as a water and sewerage undertaker so that the Site is excluded from Thames Water's Water Supply Area and Sewerage Services Area.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority

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¹ Thames Water's original Appointments as a water and sewerage undertaker were made by the Secretary of State for the Environment under sections 11 and 14 of the Water Act 1989, now replaced by sections 6 and 11 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

² With effect from 1 April 2006 the functions of the Director General of Water Services were transferred to the Water Services Regulation Authority in accordance with section 36 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Water Act 2003.