

I am responding on behalf of the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust, a locally-run independent charity responsible for more than 50% of the Islands.

The charity is based on the Isles of Scilly and will be a SWW customer. The charity would also aim to work alongside SWW on management of the land within the Trust's tenancy, particularly on the two wetland SSSI sites on St Mary's.

The Trust wholeheartedly supports the proposal for SWW to vary it's area of appointment to include the Isles of Scilly.

The current situation here on the Islands where the DWI and EA have no independent oversight and limited enforcement powers in relation to water quality on the islands, meaning that public health and environmental protections standards are not as stringent as elsewhere in England is totally unacceptable. SWW being responsible for the Islands water supply will allow vital investment in infrastructure, provide much needed industry expertise and also resilience in the face of climate change and increased visitor season demand. Such initiatives as water saving/grey water/rain water harvesting are very welcomed by the Trust.

The Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust looks forward to working alongside SWW to ensure that the wetland SSSI's are managed sustainably to provide benefits to biodiversity and people and beyond.