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By email

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Dear Justin

Derwent Valley strategic resource option – New water resource solution proposed to join RAPID gated process – RAPID response

Thank you for your letter dated 23rd November 2021 requesting that the Derwent Valley strategic resource solution enters the RAPID gated process as a new water resource solution.

We would like to formally accept this request initially by inviting you to submit a gate one report by December 6th (as proposed within your request letter). Depending on the outcome of the gate one assessment, the gate two submission should align with all other solutions on the standard track.

Timing of gate one

The timetable for queries, assessment and the representation process is as follows:

Milestone	Gate one
Submission deadline	6pm, 06 December 2021
Last query raised	6pm, 24 December 2021
Response to last query	6pm, 10 January 2022
Assessment period completes	6pm, 31 January 2022
Draft decisions published for representations	10am, 01 March 2022
Representations close	6pm, 12 April 2022
Final decisions published	10am, 17 May 2022

We may raise further queries during the assessment period until 31 January 2022. If this does arise, we will discuss and agree deadlines for responding to those queries with your team and will flag this orally before sending the query. The criteria for progression and our assessment criteria remain unchanged from our 2021 gate guidance issued in June 2021.¹

We welcome Derwent Valley making a gate one submission as a new solution with potential to support Severn Trent Water in Water Resources West, or Yorkshire Water in Water Resources North, depending on the need still to be established during the regional planning process and presented in the WRMPs.

We look forward to engaging with you further as we now move forward with the Derwent Valley solution through the RAPID gated process and as you prepare your gate one submission.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ [Strategic-regional-water-resource-solutions-guidance-for-june-2021.pdf \(ofwat.gov.uk\)](#)