

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to the issue of the less-redacted information on Thames Water South East Strategic Option (SESRO) I make the following comments on behalf of Steventon Parish Council:

- Why have RAPID allowed Thames Water to submit in the first place documents that did not meet the requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. If you are working closely with Thames Water have you already made up in advance your considered options for future water resources?
- Given the short timescale to review and consider the less-redacted information only cursory comments may be made. Indeed in the whole process of assessing information how do Ofwat themselves guarantee independent Peter review when Thame Water seem to have most commercial and academic institutions on a contract to them in some form?
- The carbon calculation is totally inept and cast doubt on the credible ability of Thames Water, particularly when they note "figures should not be relied upon at this stage of development";
- The local climate changes and formation of algae has not been fully considered;
- The modelling approach used to flooding was described as "high level" and therefore any conclusions are superficial and not substantiated.

It is still not clear In the options considered by Thames Water why desalination was omitted? The UK is an Island surrounded by a vast volume of water. Why, with modern off shore technology energy production to supply desalination plants, not been explored? Over the past few years there have been significant global advances in desalination development. Why are we being left behind?

Why isn't Reverse Osmosis technology being considered to abstract water from rivers and fed into the water supply with the waste water from usage fed back, after treatment, to rivers?

Clearly Thames Water have their motives but are not fit to be taking forward the responsibility for the future water supply in this region.

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