

Consultation Response Document – OFWAT PR24

The Home Builders Federation is the principal trade association for the home building industry in England and Wales. HBF's membership of more than 300 companies builds most of the market sale homes completed in England and Wales, encompassing private developers and Registered Providers. The majority of HBF's private home builder members are small or medium-sized companies.

As the main trade association for the home building industry our members, constitute one of the largest bodies of customers who will be affected by the outcome of this consultation. As such, we trust that considerable qualitative and quantitative weight will be afforded to our comments.

The document below is the summary of the representative responses from our membership and takes account of the responses of large Major housebuilders, medium size and SME (small medium enterprises) companies also.

In responding to this comprehensive document on Price Review 24, we have provided responses to elements of the consultation where we feel as the trade body for the home building industry it is appropriate for us to respond, in other areas, where it is less appropriate, we have not done so.

Areas of this particular consultation that have been of most interest to HBF have been in relation to Appendix 3 – Developer Services and also Appendix 9 – Nutrient Neutrality. In relation to the former it is the view of our membership that both site specific water services and wastewater services should remain under the jurisdiction of price control review. In relation to Nutrient Neutrality (NN) we have responded directly to the questions posed and have included these within the submission herewith.

As always, we hope that our comments are received in the spirit in which they are intended and reflect the HBF's overarching desire to support key policy objectives whilst at the same time supporting our members in seeking deliverable and pragmatic solutions to policy changes.

Yours Sincerely

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