

Variation of Independent Water Networks Limited's appointment to include Land at North Fields, Sturminster Newton, Dorset

On 20 October 2022, Ofwat began a [consultation](#) on a proposal to vary Independent Water Networks Limited's (“**Independent Water Networks**”) appointment to become the water services provider for a development in Wessex Water Services Limited's (“**Wessex Water**”) water supply area called Land at North Fields, Sturminster Newton, Dorset (“**the Site**”). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 21 November 2022. During the consultation period, we received one representation from the Environment Agency, in which it advised it had no further comments or objections to make regarding the application.

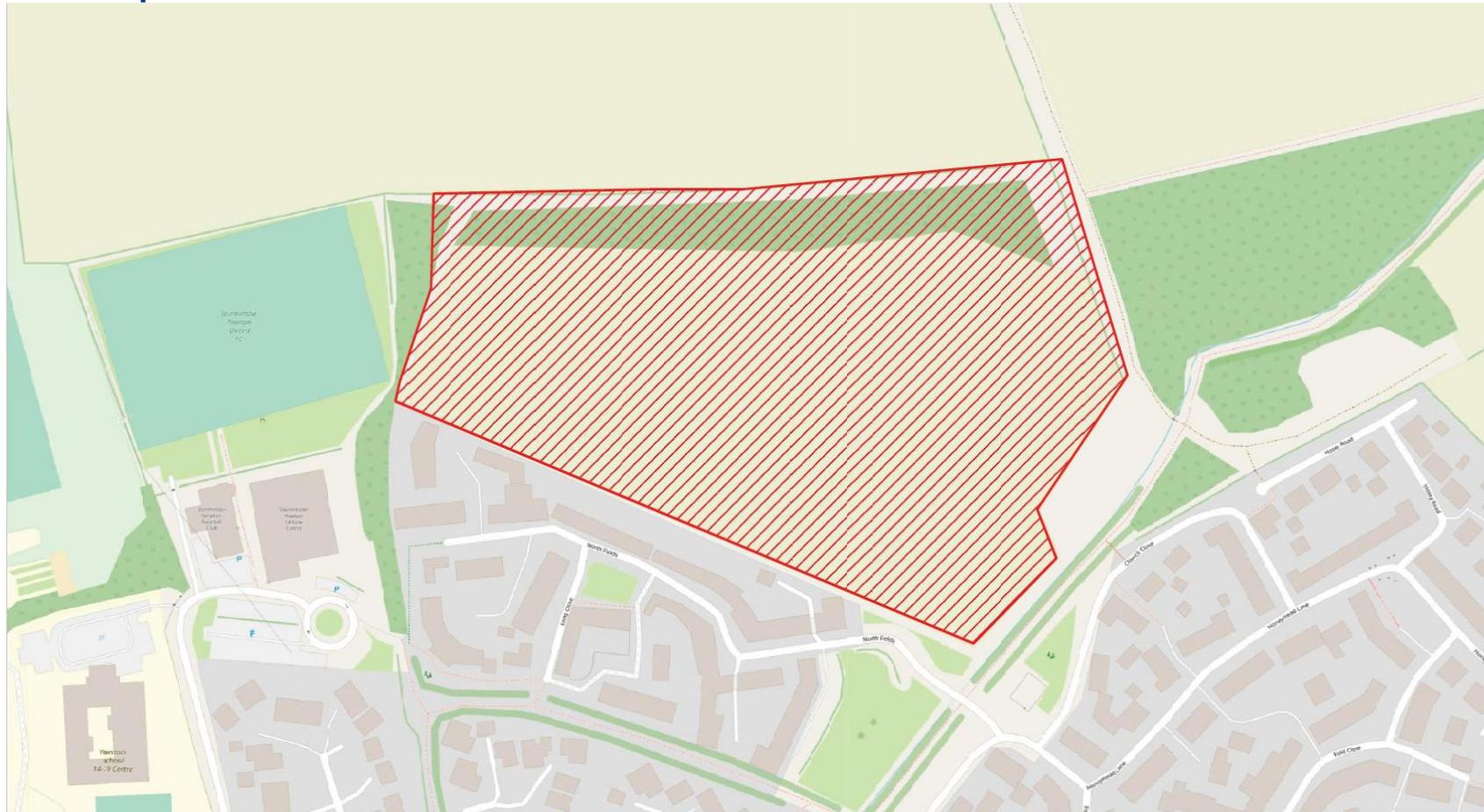
We will only make an appointment or variation if our assessment concludes that the application meets the criterion it has been made under; that customers or future customers on the site will be no worse off than if the site had been served by the existing appointee; and if the applicant will be able to finance the proper carrying out of its functions as a water and/or sewerage company. As set out in our consultation we are satisfied this is the case. The response we have received to the consultation has not changed that view.

Having assessed Independent Water Networks' application and having taken account of the response we received to our consultation, we decided to grant a variation to Independent Water Networks' area of appointment to allow it to serve the Site for water services. This appointment became effective on 30 November 2022.

The Site map for the variation can be found in Section 1 of this document.

The Variation Notice legally making the variation can be found in Section 2 of this document.

1. Site Map



PLAN REFERRED TO IN THE VARIATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF INDEPENDENT WATER NETWORKS LIMITED AND WESSEX WATER SERVICES LIMITED, AS WATER UNDERTAKERS, MADE BY THE WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY ON ... 29 November 2022

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LAND AT NORTH FIELDS INSET WATER
MAP 1

2. Variation Notice

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

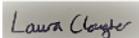
**Variation of the Appointments of Independent Water Networks Limited and Wessex Water
Services Limited as Water Undertakers**

Made on 29 November 2022

Coming into effect on 30 November 2022

1. Independent Water Networks Limited ("Independent Water Networks") and Wessex Water Services Limited ("Wessex Water") hold Appointments as water undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").¹ The areas to which the Appointments of Independent Water Networks and Wessex Water as water undertakers relate ("Water Supply Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
 2. The site called Land at North Fields, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation ("the Site"), is within Wessex Water's Water Supply Area. The Site is being developed by Bellway Homes Limited.
 3. Independent Water Networks has applied under section 7(4)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991 ("the Act") for a variation of its Appointment as a water undertaker to include the Site and for a consequential variation of Wessex Water's Appointment to exclude the Site.
 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 Independent Water Networks' application.
 5. Therefore, as provided by sections 7(2) and 7(4)(b) of the Act, and with the agreement of Bellway Homes Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**–
 - (a) the Appointment of Independent Water Networks Limited as a water undertaker so that the Site is included in Independent Water Networks' Water Supply Area; and
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- (b) the Appointment of Wessex Water as a water undertaker so that the Site is excluded from Wessex Water's Water Supply Area.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority



Laura Clougher
Principal, Licensing