

Variation of Icosa Water Services Limited's appointment to include High House Farm, Stapleford Abbots

On 20 September 2022, Ofwat began a [consultation](#) on a proposal to vary Icosa Water Services Limited's (“**Icosa Water**”) appointment to become the sewerage services provider for a development in Thames Water Utilities Limited's (“**Thames Water**”) sewerage services area called High House Farm, Stapleford Abbots (“**the Site**”). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 18 October 2022. We did not receive any representations during the consultation period.

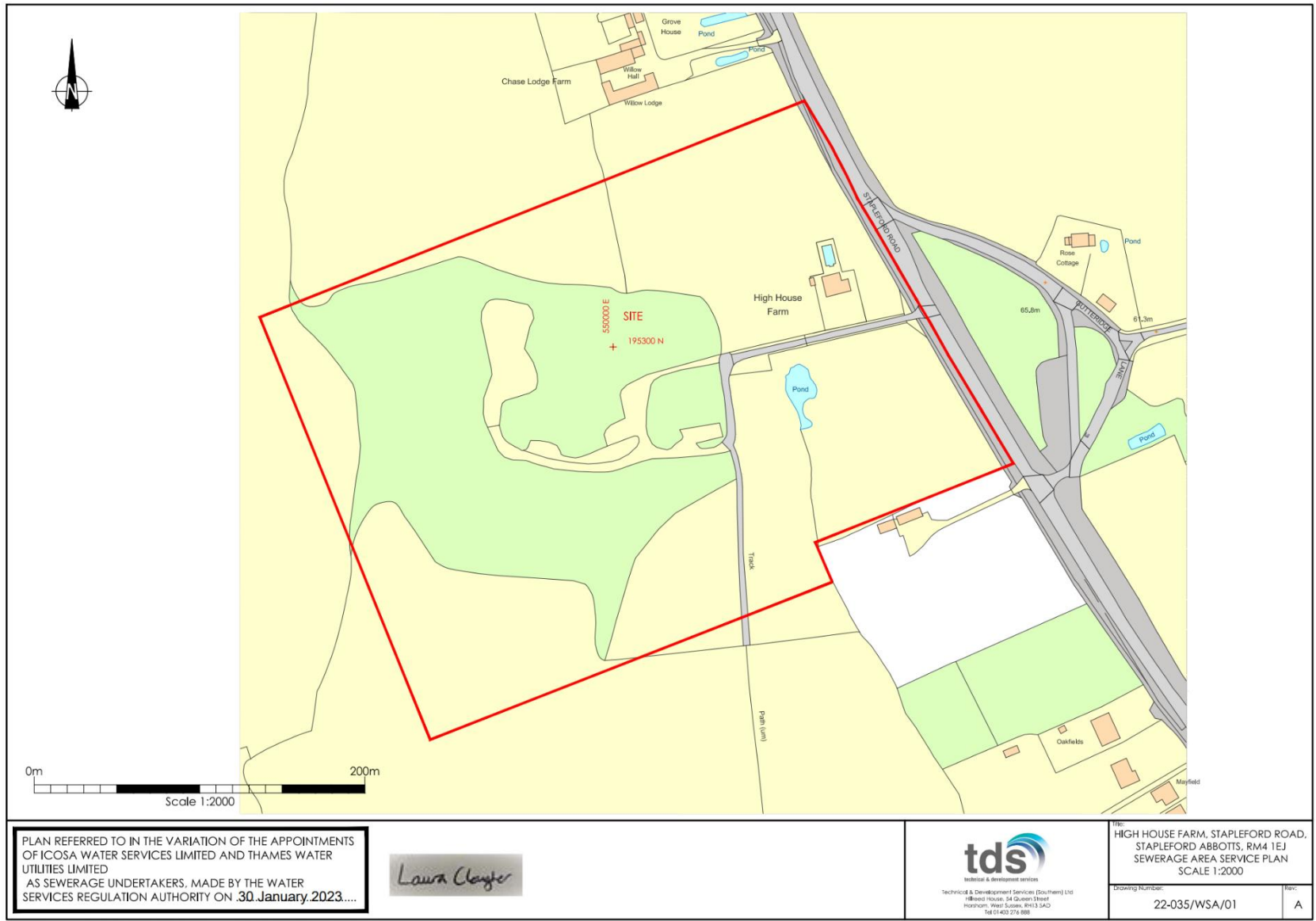
We will only make an appointment or variation if our assessment concludes that the application meets the criterion it has been made under; that customers or future customers on the site will be no worse off than if the site had been served by the existing appointee; and if the applicant will be able 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. As we received no response to our consultation, our view has not changed.

Having assessed Icosa Water's application, we decided to grant a variation to Icosa Water's area of appointment to allow it to serve the Site for sewerage services. This appointment became effective on 31 January 2023.

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



2. Variation Notice

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

Variation of the Appointments of Icosa Water Services Limited and Thames Water Utilities Limited as Sewerage Undertakers

Made on 30 January 2023

Coming into effect on 31 January 2023

1. Icosa Water Services Limited ("Icosa Water") and Thames Water Utilities Limited ("Thames Water") hold Appointments as sewerage undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").¹ The areas to which the Appointments of Icosa Water and Thames Water as sewerage undertakers relate ("Sewerage Services Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment. |
2. The site called High House Farm, Stapleford Abbots, which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation, ("the Site") is within Thames Water's Sewerage Services Area. The Site is being developed by Stonebond Properties (Chelmsford) Limited.
3. Icosa Water has applied under section 7(4)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991 ("the Act") for a variation of its Appointment as a sewerage undertaker to include the Site and for a consequential variation of Thames 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 Icosa Water's application.
5. Therefore, as provided by sections 7(2) and 7(4)(b) of the Act, and with the agreement of Stonebond Properties (Chelmsford) Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**–

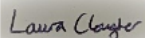
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(a) the Appointment of Icosa Water as a sewerage undertaker so that the Site is included in Icosa Water's Sewerage Services Area; and

(b) the Appointment of Thames Water as a sewerage undertaker so that the Site is excluded from Thames Water's Sewerage Services Area.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority



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