

Variation of Leep Networks (Water) Ltd's appointment to include Landywood Lane, Great Wryley, Staffordshire

On 31 October 2022, Ofwat began a [consultation](#) on a proposal to vary Leep Networks (Water) Ltd's ("**Leep Networks**") appointment to become the water and sewerage services provider for a development in South Staffordshire Water PLC's ("**South Staffordshire Water**") water supply area and Severn Trent Water Limited's ("**Severn Trent Water**") sewerage services area called Landywood Lane, Great Wryley, Staffordshire ("**the Site**"). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 28 November 2022. During the consultation period, we received a representation from one organisation. The Environment Agency advised us that it did not have any comments or concerns regarding the consultation.

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 received to the consultation has not changed that view.

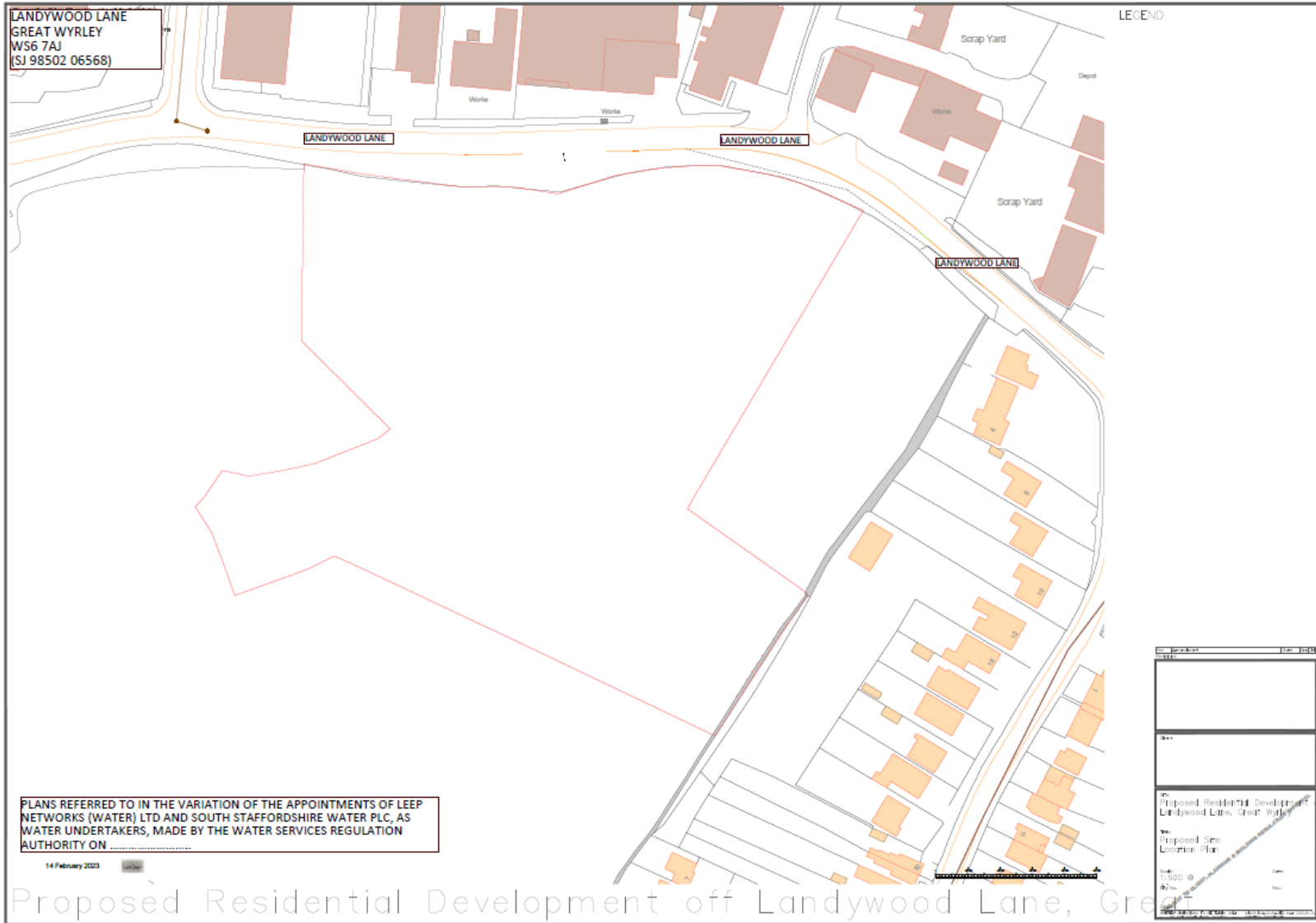
Having assessed Leep Networks' application and having taken account of the response we received to our consultation, we decided to grant a variation to Leep Networks' area of appointment to allow it to serve the Site for water and sewerage services. This appointment became effective on 15 February 2023.

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

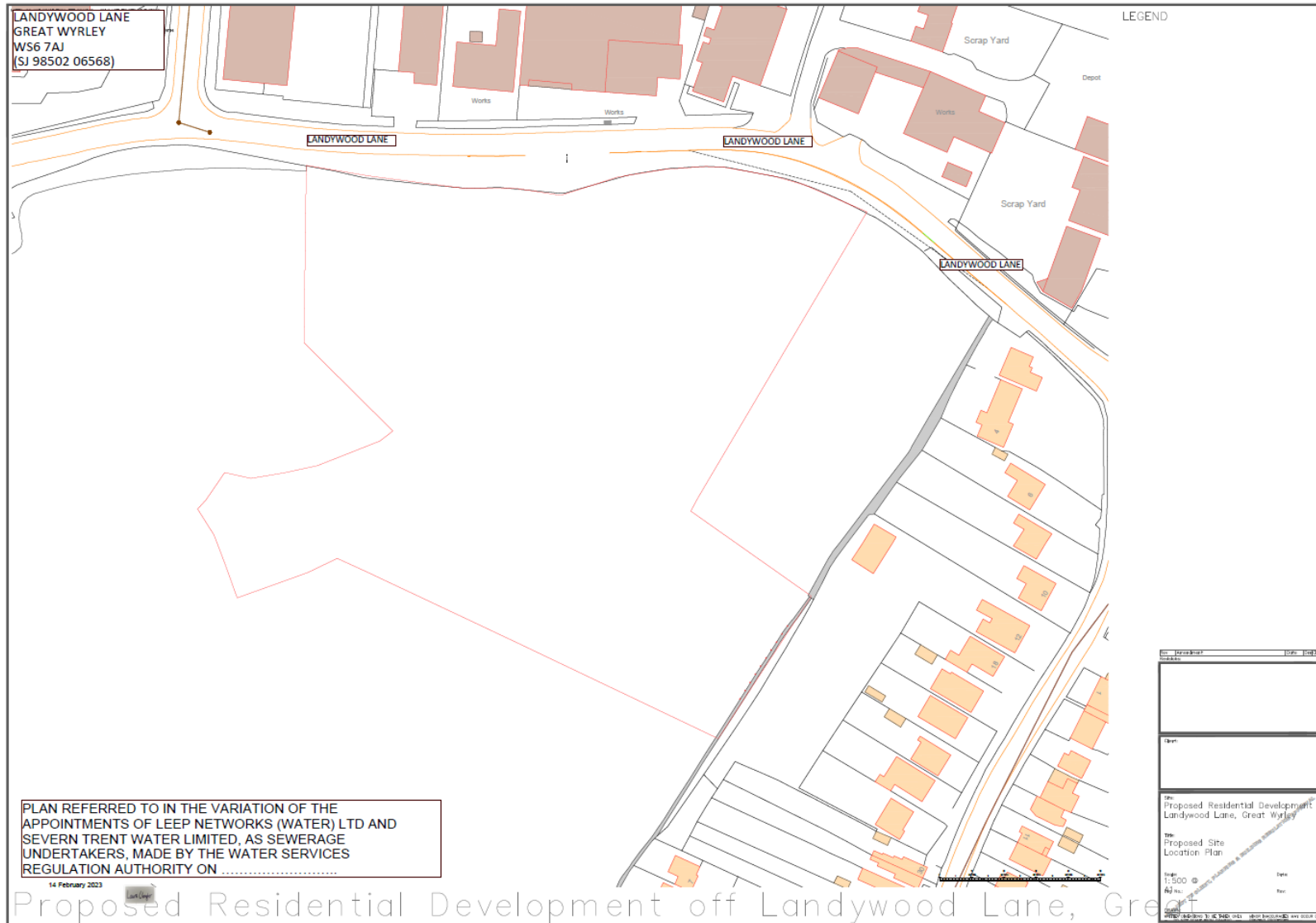
The Variation Notice legally making the variation can be found in Section 2 of this document.

1. Site Maps

Water Boundary



Sewerage Boundary



2. Variation Notice

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

Variation of the Appointments of Leep Networks (Water) Limited, South Staffordshire Water PLC, and Severn Trent Water Limited as Water and Sewerage Undertakers

Made on 14 February 2023

Coming into effect on 15 February 2023

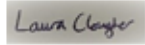
1. Leep Networks (Water) Limited ("Leep Networks"), South Staffordshire Water PLC ("South Staffordshire Water") and Severn Trent Water Limited ("Severn Trent Water") hold Appointments as water and sewerage undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").¹ The areas to which the Appointments of Leep Networks, South Staffordshire Water and Severn Trent Water as water and sewerage undertakers relate ("Water Supply Area" and "Sewerage Services Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
2. The site called Landywood Lane, Great Wyrley in Staffordshire, which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation ("the Site") is within South Staffordshire Water's Water Supply Area and Severn Trent Water's Sewerage Services Area. The Site is being developed by Cameron Homes Limited.
3. Leep 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 and sewerage undertaker to include the Site and for a consequential variation of South Staffordshire Water's and Severn Trent Water's Appointments 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 Leep Networks' application.
5. Therefore, as provided by sections 7(2) and 7(4)(b) of the Act, and with the agreement of Cameron Homes Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**–

¹ South Staffordshire Water's and Severn Trent Water's original Appointments as water and sewerage undertakers were made by the Secretary of State for the Environment under sections 11 and 14 of the Water Act 1989, now replaced by sections 6 and 11 of the Water Industry Act 1991. Leep Networks' original Appointment was made by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 6 and 11 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

² With effect from 1 April 2006 the functions of the Director General of Water Services were transferred to the Water Services Regulation Authority in accordance with section 36 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Water Act 2003.

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority



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