

Variation of Icosa Water Services Limited's appointment to include Hamstreet, Ashford in Kent

On 10 November 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 Southern Water Services Limited's ("Southern Water") sewerage services area called Hamstreet, Ashford in Kent ("the Site"). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 12 December 2022. During the consultation period, we received no representations.

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.

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 7 February 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

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

Made on 6 February 2023

Coming into effect on 7 February 2023

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1. → Icosa Water Services Limited (“Icosa Water”) and Southern Water Services Limited (“Southern Water”) hold Appointments as sewerage undertakers for their respective areas (“the Appointments”). The areas to which the Appointments of Icosa Water and Southern Water as sewerage undertakers relate (“Sewerage Services Area”) are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
2. → The site called Hamstreet in Ashford, Kent, which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation, (“the Site”) is within Southern Water’s Sewerage Services Area. The Site is being developed by Vistry Homes 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 Southern 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 Services 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 Vistry Homes Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority varies –

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

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Southern Water’s original Appointment as a sewerage undertaker was 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. Icosa Water’s original Appointment was made by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 6 and 11 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

¶ 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 Southern Water as a sewerage undertaker so that the Site is excluded from Southern Water’s Sewerage Services Area.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority

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