

## Variation of Independent Water Networks Limited's appointment to include Warton Fylde, Preston

On 20 December 2022, Ofwat began a [consultation](#) on a proposal to vary Independent Water Networks Limited's (“**Independent Water Networks**”) appointment to become the sewerage services provider for a development in United Utilities Water Limited's (“**United Utilities**”) sewerage services area called Warton Fylde, Preston (“**the Site**”). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 23 January 2023. 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 sewerage company. As set out in our consultation we are satisfied this is the case.

Having assessed Independent Water Networks' application and having received no representations to our consultation, we decided to grant a variation to Independent Water Networks' area of appointment to allow it to serve the Site for sewerage services. This appointment became effective on 16 March 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



PLAN REFERRED TO IN THE VARIATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF INDEPENDENT WATER NETWORKS LIMITED AND UNITED UTILITIES WATER LIMITED, AS SEWERAGE UNDERTAKERS, MADE BY THE WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY ON ...

15 March 2023

ADDRESS : LAND AT WARTON FYLDE, WARTON, PRESTON, PR4 1XS  
OS GRID REFERENCE: 341642, 428981

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**WARTON FYLDE**

**INSET SEWERAGE 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 United  
Utilities Water Limited as Sewerage Undertakers**

Made on 15 March 2023

Coming into effect on 16 March 2023

1. Independent Water Networks Limited ("Independent Water Networks") and United Utilities Water Limited ("United Utilities") hold Appointments as sewerage undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").<sup>1</sup> The areas to which the Appointments of Independent Water Networks and United Utilities as sewerage undertakers relate ("Sewerage Services Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
2. The site called Warton Fylde, Preston, which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation, ("the Site") is within United Utilities' Sewerage Services Area. The Site is being developed by Countryside Properties (UK) 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 sewerage undertaker to include the Site and for a consequential variation of United Utilities' 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<sup>2</sup> 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 Countryside Properties (UK) Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**–
  - (a) the Appointment of Independent Water Networks as a sewerage undertaker, so that the Site is included in Independent Water Networks' Sewerage Services Area; and

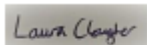
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<sup>1</sup> United Utilities' original Appointment as a sewerage undertaker was made by the Secretary of State for the Environment under sections 11 and 14 of the Water Act 1989, now replaced by sections 6 and 11 of the Water Industry Act 1991. Independent Water Networks' original appointment as a water and sewerage undertaker was made by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 6 and 11 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

<sup>2</sup> 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 United Utilities as a sewerage undertaker, so that the Site is excluded from United Utilities' Sewerage Services Area.

**Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority**



**Laura Clougher**  
**Principal, Casework and Enforcement**