

Variation of Independent Water Networks Limited's appointment to include Monks Farm, Grove, Oxfordshire

On 22 December 2022, Ofwat began a [consultation](#) on a proposal to vary Independent Water Networks Limited's (“**Independent Water Networks**”) appointment to become the water and sewerage services provider for a development in Thames Water Utilities Limited (“**Thames Water**”) water supply area and sewerage services area called Monks Farm, Grove, Oxfordshire (“**the Site**”). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 19 January 2023. During the consultation period, we did not receive any representations in response to the proposed variation.

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.

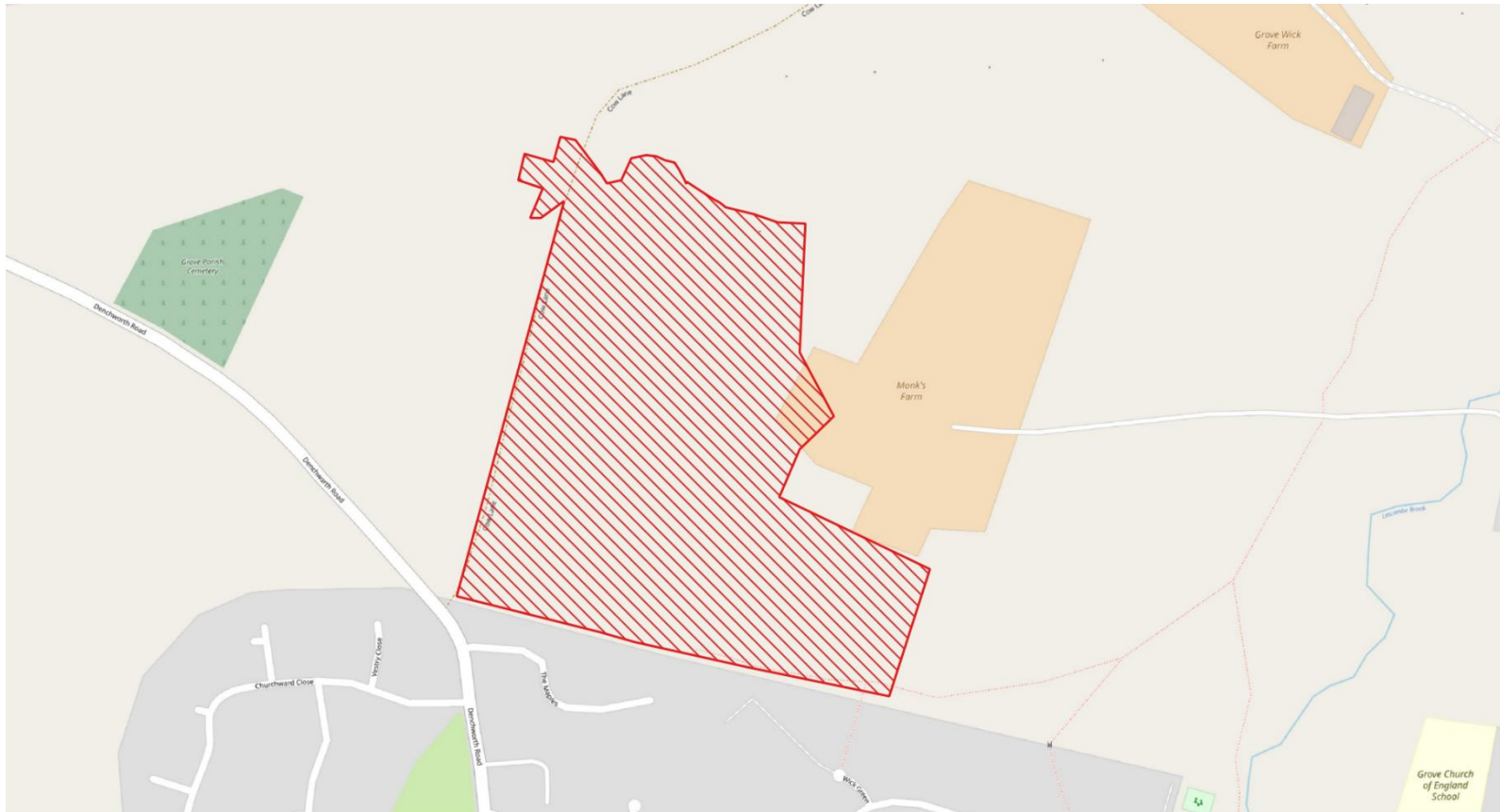
Having assessed Independent Water Networks' application and having received no responses to our consultation, we decided to grant a variation to Independent Water Networks' area of appointment to allow it to serve the Site for water and sewerage services. This appointment became effective on 1 June 2023.

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



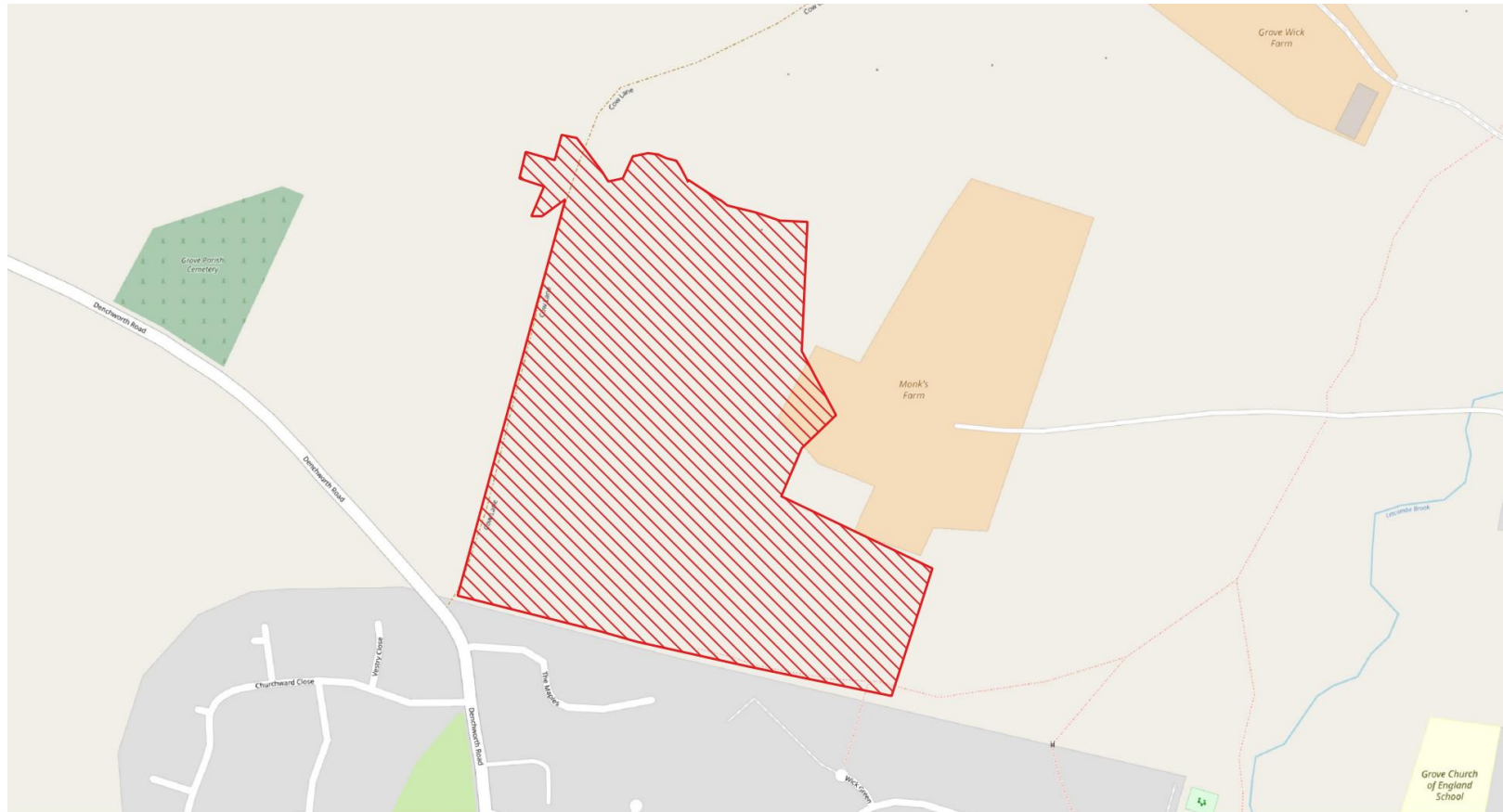
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31 May 2023

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MONKS FARM INSET WATER MAP 1



Sewerage



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**MONKS FARM INSET SEWERAGE
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2. Variation Notice

WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY

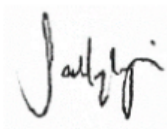
WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTIONS 6 TO 9

Variation of the Appointments of Independent Water Networks Limited and Thames Water Utilities Limited as Water and Sewerage Undertakers

Made on 31 May 2023

Coming into effect on 1 June 2023

1. Independent Water Networks Limited ("Independent Water Networks") and Thames Water Utilities Limited ("Thames Water") hold Appointments as water and sewerage undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").¹ The areas to which the Appointments of Independent Water Networks and Thames Water as the water and sewerage undertakers relate ("Water Supply Area" and "Sewerage Services Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
2. The site called Monks Farm, Grove, Oxfordshire, which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation, ("the Site") is within Thames Water's Water Supply Area and Sewerage Services Area. The Site is being developed by BDW Trading 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 and 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 Independent Water Networks' application.
5. Therefore, as provided by sections 7(2) and 7(4)(b) of the Act, and with the agreement of BDW Trading Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**–
 - (a) the Appointment of Independent Water Networks as a water and sewerage undertaker so that the Site is included in Independent Water Networks' Water Supply Area and Sewerage Services Area; and
 - (b) the Appointment of Thames Water as a water and sewerage undertaker so that the Site is excluded from Thames Water's Water Supply Area and Sewerage Services Area.



Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority

Sally Irgin
Director of Enforcement