

## Variation of Independent Water Networks Limited's appointment to include Lea Road, Tiverton, Devon (Sewerage)

On 11 May 2023, 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 South West Water Limited's (“**South West Water**”) sewerage services area called Lea Road, Tiverton, Devon (Sewerage), (“**the Site**”). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 9 June 2023. During the consultation period, we received a representation from one organisation, South West Water, who agreed with our proposal and did not raise any objections 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/or sewerage company. As set out in our consultation we are satisfied this is the case. The response we have received to the consultation has not changed that view.

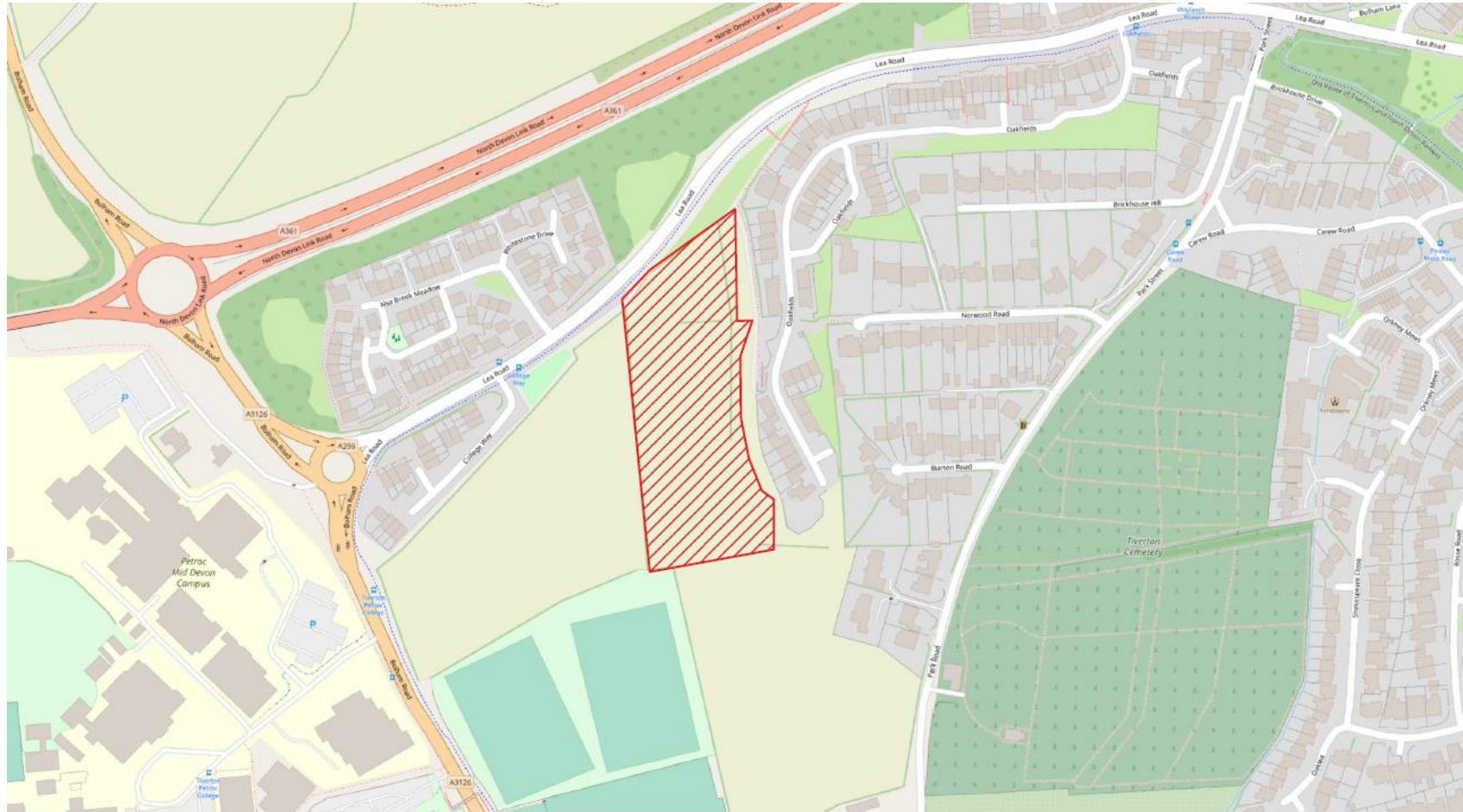
Having assessed Independent Water Networks' application and having taken account of the response we received to our consultation, we decided to grant a variation to Independent Water Networks' area of appointment to allow it to serve the Site for sewerage services. This appointment became effective on 5 July 2023.

On [5 April 2023](#) we granted a variation enabling Independent Water Networks to supply water services to the Site. Independent Water Networks will now become the water and sewerage services provider for the Site.

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 SOUTH WEST WATER LIMITED, AS SEWERAGE UNDERTAKERS, MADE BY THE WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY ON ... 4 July 2023

ADDRESS: LEA ROAD, TIVERTON, DEVON, EX16 6RX  
OS GRID REFERENCE: 295484, 113725  
SCALE: 1: 3000  
DRAWN BY: GM  
DATE: 21/03/2023

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LEA ROAD 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 South West  
Water Limited as Sewerage Undertakers**

Made on 4 July 2023

Coming into effect on 5 July 2023

1. Independent Water Networks Limited ("Independent Water Networks") and South West Water Limited ("South West Water") 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 South West Water as sewerage undertakers relate ("Sewerage Services Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
2. The site called Lea Road, Tiverton, Devon (Sewerage), which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation, ("the Site") is within South West Water's Sewerage Services Area. The Site is being developed by Bellway Homes 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 South West 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<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 Bellway Homes Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**–
  - (a) the Appointment of Independent Water Networks Limited as a sewerage undertaker so that the Site is included in Independent Water Networks' Sewerage Services Area; and
  - (b) the Appointment of South West Water as a sewerage undertaker so that the Site is excluded from South West Water's Sewerage Services Area.

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



**Martin Hill**

**Principal, Casework and Enforcement**