## Variation of Independent Water Networks Limited's appointment to include Carters Quay (Phases 4-6), Poole

On 14 March 2023, Ofwat began a <u>consultation</u> 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 Wessex Water Services Limited's ("Wessex Water") water supply area called Carters Quay (Phases 4–6), Poole ("the Site"). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 11 April 2023. We did not receive any representations during the consultation period.

On 13 June 2023 Independent Water Networks notified us that it wished to remove sewerage services from its application, thereby proceeding with a water only application. Independent Water Networks provided us with a revised financial model for the Site, which we assessed and remained comfortable with. We notified the statutory consultees of the change and allowed additional time for them to make new representations on this amended proposal; we received no further comments.

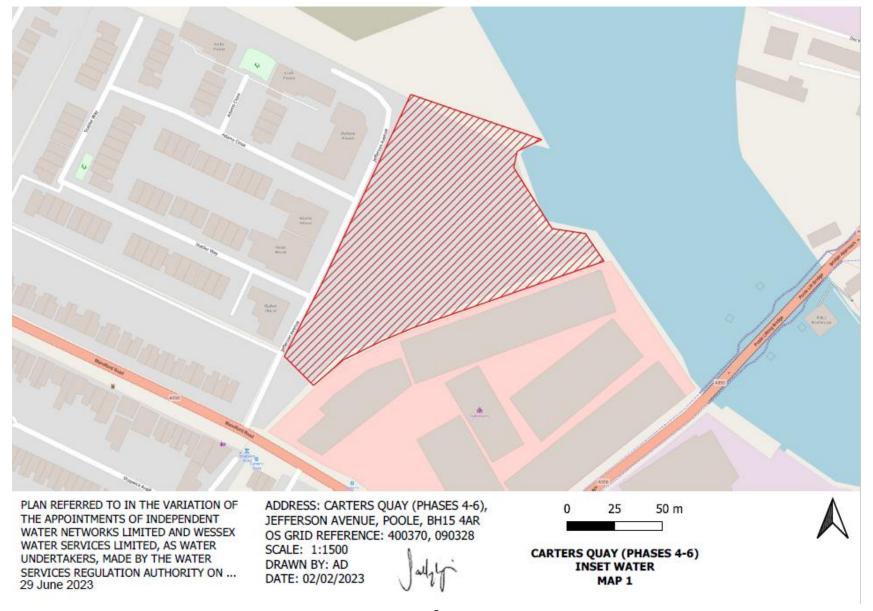
We will only make an appointment or variation if our assessment concludes that the application meets the criterion it has been made under; that customers or future customers on the site will be no worse off than if the site had been served by the existing appointee; and if the applicant will be able 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, and having received no responses to the consultation, or comments regarding the removal of sewerage services from the application, our view has not changed.

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 services. This appointment became effective on 30 June 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

Variation of the Appointments of Independent Water Networks Limited and Wessex Water
Services Limited as Water Undertakers

Made on 29 June 2023

Coming into effect on 30 June 2023

- Independent Water Networks Limited ("Independent Water Networks") and Wessex Water Services Limited ("Wessex Water") hold Appointments as water undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").<sup>1</sup> The areas to which the Appointments of Independent Water Networks and Wessex Water as water undertakers relate ("Water Supply Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
- The site called Carters Quay (Phases 4-6), Poole, which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation, ("the Site") is within Wessex Water's Water Supply Area. The Site is being developed by Inland Homes PLC.
- 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 undertaker to include
  the Site and for a consequential variation of Wessex 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.
- Therefore, as provided by sections 7(2) and 7(4)(b) of the Act, and with the agreement of Inland Homes PLC, the Water Services Regulation Authority varies –
  - (a) the Appointment of Independent Water Networks as a water undertaker so that the Site is included in Independent Water Networks' Water Supply Area; and
  - (b) the Appointment of Wessex Water as a water undertaker so that the Site is excluded from Wessex Water's Water Supply Area.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority

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