

Proposal to grant a variation of appointment to Severn Trent Water Limited – Willows, Station Road, Pershore (Boundary Variation)

	Details
Applicant	Severn Trent Water Limited (" <b>Severn Trent Water</b> ")
Site Details	Willows, Station Road, Pershore (Boundary Variation) (" <b>the Site</b> ")
Services	Water Only
Current water appointee	Independent Water Networks Limited (" <b>Independent Water Networks</b> ")
Proposed supply arrangements	The Site will be supplied with Severn Trent Water's own resources.
Criterion	Consent
Household Customer	1
Business Customers	0
Developer	Persimmon Homes Limited
Estimated Site completion date	2025
Summary of consultation	A statutory consultation made under section 8(3) of the Water Industry Act 1991 (" <b>WIA91</b> ") to grant Severn Trent Water a variation to its appointment as a water company. To also vary the appointment of Independent Water Networks Limited as a water company. Consequently, Severn Trent Water will become the water company for the Site.
Deadline for submissions	Representations or objections to this consultation should be sent by email to <a href="mailto:Licensing@ofwat.gov.uk">Licensing@ofwat.gov.uk</a> or in writing and sent to the NAV licensing team, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham, B5 4UA.  Reponses must be received by Ofwat no later than <b>17.00</b> hours on <b>1 November 2023</b> .

Further information about how to make representations or objections, including information on the treatment of confidential information, can be obtained from Ofwat at the above address or at <http://www.ofwat.gov.uk/foi/>.

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## 1. Our assessment of this application

Severn Trent Water is an appointed water and sewerage undertaker, incorporated in 1989, and providing mains water and sewerage services to the. Severn Trent Water has applied for a Variation of appointment to be able to provide water services the Site.

This variation application is being made to correct an error on a previous application, where this plot of land was incorrectly included in a variation of Independent Water Networks' appointment, due to incorrect information in the application.

The decision document for the previous application can be found on our website (<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/station-road-1.11.pdf>).

### Status of the Site

Severn Trent Water has applied to supply this Site under the consent criterion. We have a letter, dated 12 June 2023, from Independent Water Networks as the existing appointee confirming that it consents for Severn Trent Water to be the appointed water undertaker.

We do not consider that we need further consent from customers or potential customers on the Site, given that they will be served by the incumbent company in the area.

### Price

Severn Trent Water is an established water undertaker and proposes to charge customers on the Site in accordance with its existing charges scheme. We have not conducted a detailed assessment of the comparison of the charges of Severn Trent Water and Independent Water Networks, as the charges levied on customers by Severn Trent Water are regulated by Ofwat.

### Levels of service

Every appointee is required under its licence conditions to publish and make available the Core Customer Information for its household customers. We have not carried out a detailed assessment of Severn Trent Water's proposed Customer Code of Practice, given that it is an established water company and must comply with Ofwat's Guaranteed Standards of Service. Our view is that customers on the Site would be no worse off in relation to the scope of Severn Trent Water's proposed Customer Code of Practice than they would be if Independent Water Networks were to be the customers' water services supplier.

## **Stakeholder engagement**

Ordinarily we take the views of the Environment Agency and Drink Water Inspectorate into account before progressing to formal consultation on an application for a new appointment, given that this application is for a variation to an established water company we have not carried out this engagement. However, we have notified the Environment Agency of this proposal.

## **Impact on existing customers**

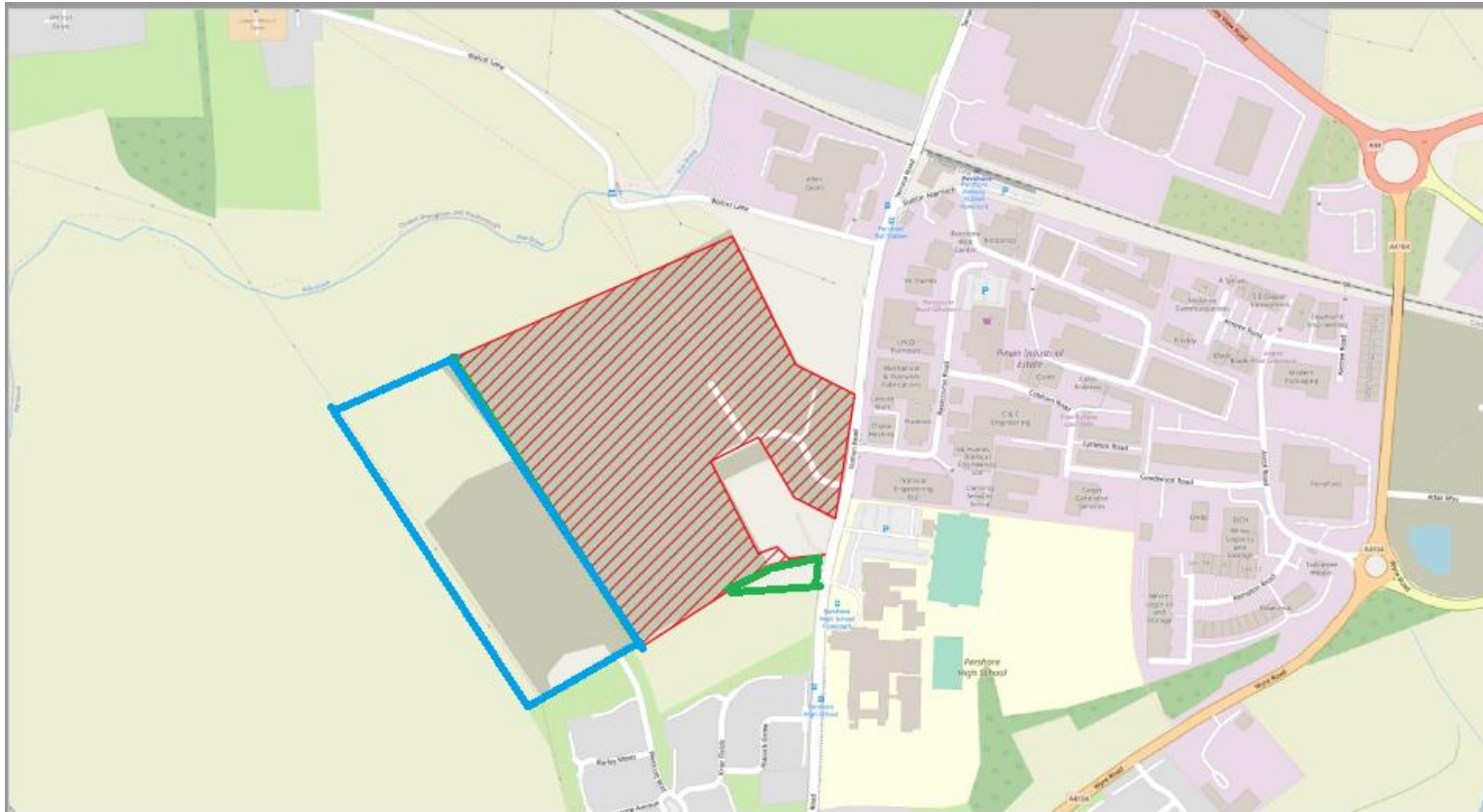
Ordinarily for NAV applications, in considering whether customers will be no worse off, we also consider the potential effects of a variation on the prices that an incumbent's existing customer base may face. Given that this variation will result in the parcel of land being included in Severn Trent Water's area of appointment, there will be no impact on existing customers of either Severn Trent Water or Independent Water Networks.

## 2. Conclusion and next steps

In assessing Severn Trent Water, we have considered the general benefits of new appointments and variations. Our view is that our two key policy principles would be met in this case, as customers would be no worse off, and Severn Trent Water would be able to finance, and carry out, its functions.

We are currently minded to grant the variation under the consent criterion. Subject to considering any representations submitted during the consultation period in response to this consultation notice, Ofwat will decide whether or not to grant the variation of appointment set out above.

### 3. Site map<sup>1</sup>



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

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OS GRID REFERENCE: 394671, 247701

SCALE: 1:6000  
DRAWN BY: WS  
DATE: 09/08/2023

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**STATION ROAD, PERSHORE  
WATER SUPPLY  
INSET MAP 1**



<sup>1</sup> This variation relates to the parcels of land outlined in blue and green.