

## Variation of Severn Trent Water Limited's appointment to include Willows, Station Road, Pershore (Boundary Variation)

On 3 October 2023, Ofwat began a [consultation](#) on a proposal to vary Severn Trent Water Limited's ("**Severn Trent Water**") appointment to become the water provider for a development in Independent Water Networks Limited's ("**Independent Water Networks**") water supply area called Willows, Station Road, Pershore (Boundary Variation) in Worcestershire ("**the Site**"). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 1 November 2023. During the consultation period, we received a response from the Drinking Water Inspectorate which confirmed it did not have any comments in relation to our proposal.

This variation application is being made to correct an error on a previous application, where the Site was incorrectly included in a previous variation of Independent Water Networks' appointment, due to incorrect information in the application. Therefore, our assessment of this application has differed slightly from our usual process, however we consider customers on the Site will be no worse off than if they were served by Independent Water Networks given that Severn Trent Water is the incumbent company in the local area.

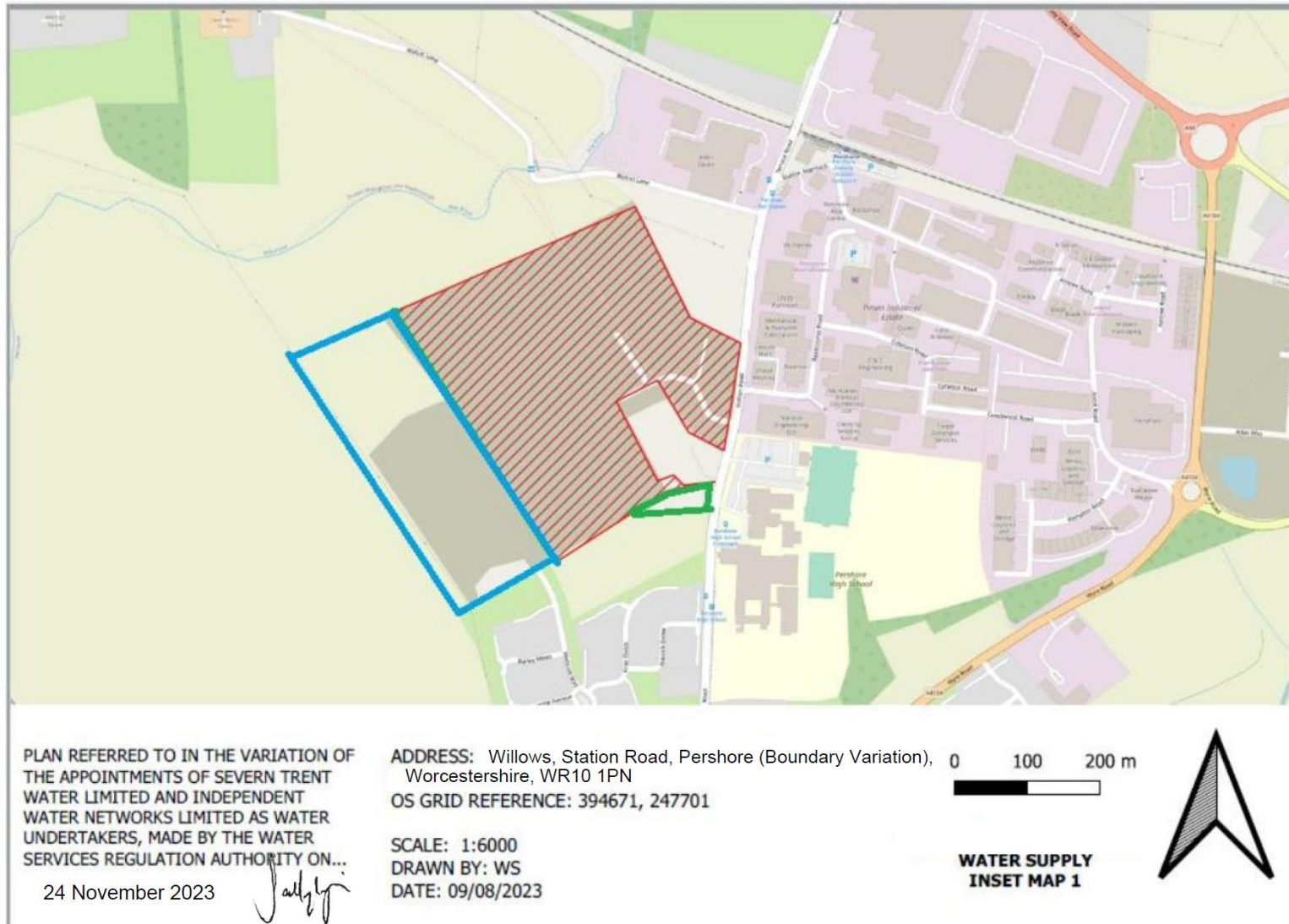
We will only make an appointment or variation if our assessment concludes that the application meets the criterion it has been made under; that customers or future customers on the site will be no worse off than if the site had been served by the existing appointee; and if the applicant will be able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

Having assessed Severn Trent Water's application and having taken account of the response we received to our consultation, we decided to grant a variation to Severn Trent Water's area of appointment to allow it to serve the Site for water services. This appointment became effective on 27 November 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 Severn Trent Water Limited, and Independent Water  
Networks Limited as Water Undertakers**

Made on 24 November 2023

Coming into effect on 27 November 2023

1. Severn Trent Water Limited ("Severn Trent Water") and Independent Water Networks Limited ("Independent Water Networks") hold Appointments as water undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").<sup>1</sup> The areas to which the Appointments of Severn Trent Water, and Independent Water Networks as water undertakers relate ("Water Supply Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
2. The site called Willows, Station Road, Pershore (Boundary Variation) in Worcestershire, which is shown edged in blue and green on the plan attached to this variation, ("the Site") is within Independent Water Networks' Water Supply Area. The Site is being developed by Persimmon Homes Limited.
3. Severn Trent Water has applied under section 7(4)(a) 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 Independent Water Networks' 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 Severn Trent Water's application.
5. Therefore, as provided by sections 7(2) and 7(4)(a) of the Act, and with the agreement of Persimmon Homes Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**–

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<sup>1</sup> Severn Trent Water's original Appointment as a water 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 was made by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 6 and 11 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

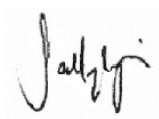
<sup>2</sup> With effect from 1 April 2006 the functions of the Director General of Water Services were transferred to the Water Services Regulation Authority in accordance with section 36 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Water Act 2003.

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(a) the Appointment of Severn Trent Water as a water undertaker so that the Site is included in Severn Trent Water's Water Supply Area; and

(b) the Appointment of Independent Water Networks as a water undertaker so that the Site is excluded from Independent Water Networks' Water Supply Area.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Irgin', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sally Irgin  
Director of Enforcement