Variation of Independent Water Networks Limited's appointment to include Land to the East of The Boulevard, Hengrove, Bristol

On 20 September 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 provider for a development in South West Water Limited's ("**South West Water**") water supply area called Land to the East of The Boulevard, Hengrove, Bristol ("**the Site**"). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 18 October 2023. During the consultation period, we received a representation from one organisation, South West Water, which is summarised in Section 1 of this document.

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 company. As set out in our consultation we are satisfied this is the case. The response we received to the consultation has not changed that view.

Having assessed Independent Water Networks' application and having taken account of the response 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 water services. This appointment became effective on 11 December 2023.

The Site Map for the variation can be found in Section 2 of this document.

The Variation Notice legally making the variation can be found in Section 3 of this document.

1. Response received to the consultation

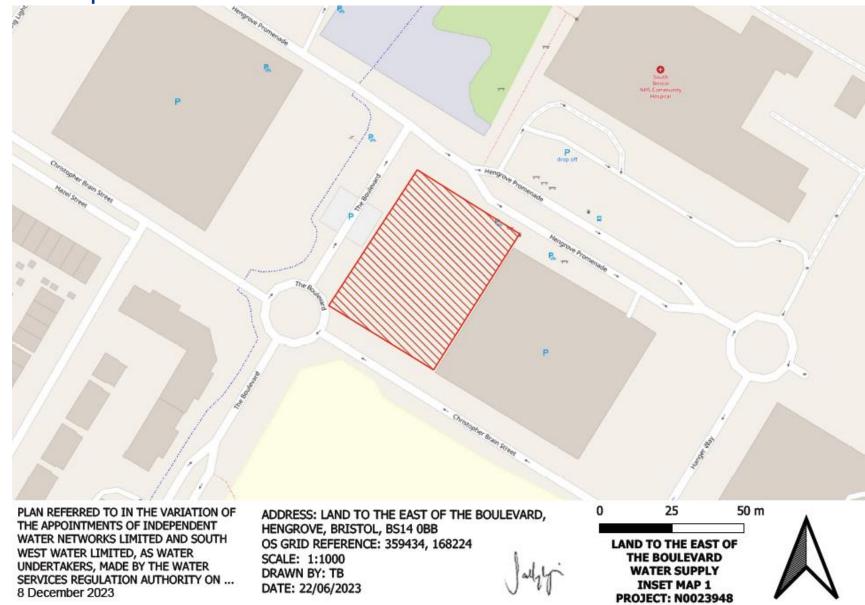
We received one response to our consultation from South West Water; it raised a concern that the Site's boundary which was published in the consultation notice did not match the map within the signed bulk supply agreement it had agreed with Independent Water Networks to serve the Site. South West Water was concerned that if the variation was granted, Independent Water Networks would be granted more land than set out within the agreement.

We notified Independent Water Networks of this concern, which resulted in further discussions between itself and South West Water. We subsequently received confirmation on 4 December 2023 that South West Water were happy with the Site boundary and had no further objections; Independent Water Networks provided an updated bulk supply agreement and corrected maps which align with those published in the consultation notice.

We have considered this response before making the decision to vary Independent Water Networks' appointment.

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2. Site Map



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3. Variation Notice

