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By email

Susan Davy  
Chief Executive  
South West Water

11 December 2023

Dear Susan,

## Strategic regional water resource solution: gate two draft decision for South West Water

I am writing to inform you that we have published the draft decision in respect of the following strategic regional water resource solution:

- Mendip quarries

The RAPID partner regulators would like to thank South West Water for submission timeliness, collaborative approach and positive engagement which has helped drive the quality and speed of progression of this solution.

### Draft decision summary in respect to South West Water- sponsored solution

Recommendation item	Mendip quarries
Solution owners	Wessex Water South West Water
Should further funding be allowed for the solution to progress to gate three?	Yes
Is there evidence all expenditure is efficient and should be allowed?	Yes
Delivery incentive penalty?	No
Is there any change to partner arrangements?	No
Are there priority actions for urgent completion?	Yes

This letter should be read in conjunction with the draft decision document for this solution, which was published alongside this letter. Both this letter and the draft decision document were published on our website on 11 December 2023.

Following the publication of our draft decision, solution owners and other interested parties have the opportunity to respond to the draft decision. Representations are invited by email to [rapid@ofwat.gov.uk](mailto:rapid@ofwat.gov.uk) and the representation period will close at 6pm on 18 January 2024. All representations will be considered before our final decision, which we intend to publish at 10am on 22 February 2024.

Where we have identified issues requiring urgent remediation, we expect the solution owners to resolve them to a suitable quality no later than the dates provided in the Appendix of the draft decision document.

Once again, Ofwat would like to thank South West Water for the work that it has carried out over the gate two period.

Yours sincerely

**David Black**  
**Chief Executive**

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