

Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham B5 4UA  
21 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3HF

---

By email

Colin Skellett  
Chief Executive  
Wessex Water

11 December 2023

Dear Colin,

## Strategic regional water resource solution: gate two draft decision for Wessex 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 Wessex 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 Wessex Water- sponsored solution

| Recommendation item   | Mendip quarries                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Solution owners   | Wessex Water<br>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 Wessex Water for the work that it has carried out over the gate two period.

Yours sincerely

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

Encs