

## Variation of Independent Water Networks Limited's appointment to include Oakley Lane, Wimborne

On 3 April 2023, Ofwat began a [consultation](#) on a proposal to vary Independent Water Networks Limited's (“**Independent Water Networks**”) appointment to become the water and sewerage services provider for a development in South West Water Limited's (“**South West Water**”) water supply area and Wessex Water Services Limited's (“**Wessex Water**”) sewerage services area called Oakley Lane, Wimborne in Dorset (“**the Site**”). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 5 May 2023. During the consultation period, we received a representation from one organisation, 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 and/or sewerage company. As set out in our consultation we are satisfied this is the case. The response we have received to the consultation has not changed that view.

Having assessed Independent Water Networks' application and having taken account of the response we 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 and sewerage services. This appointment became effective on 9 January 2024.

The Site maps 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.

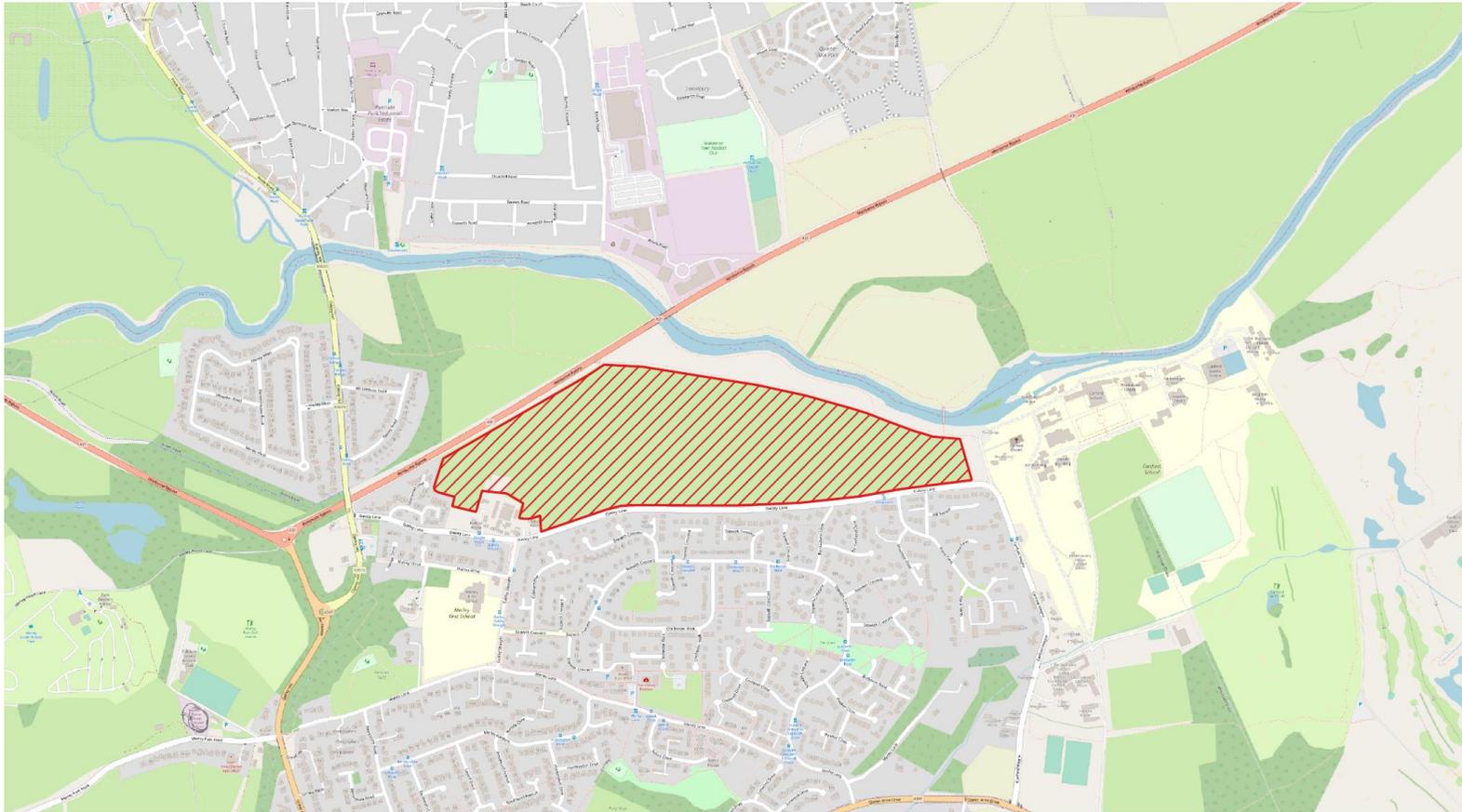
## **1. Responses received to the consultation**

We received a response to our consultation from one organisation: South West Water. We considered this response before making the decision to vary Independent Water Networks' appointment.

South West Water said that it supports the development of markets where customers could benefit, or in the least suffer no detriment. It also noted that Independent Water Networks proposes to offer a 2.5% discount against South West Water's charges, subject to annual review. South West Water confirmed that it does not have any objection to the proposal to grant this variation.

## 2. Site Maps

### Water



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

8 January 2024

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DORSET, BH21 1SF  
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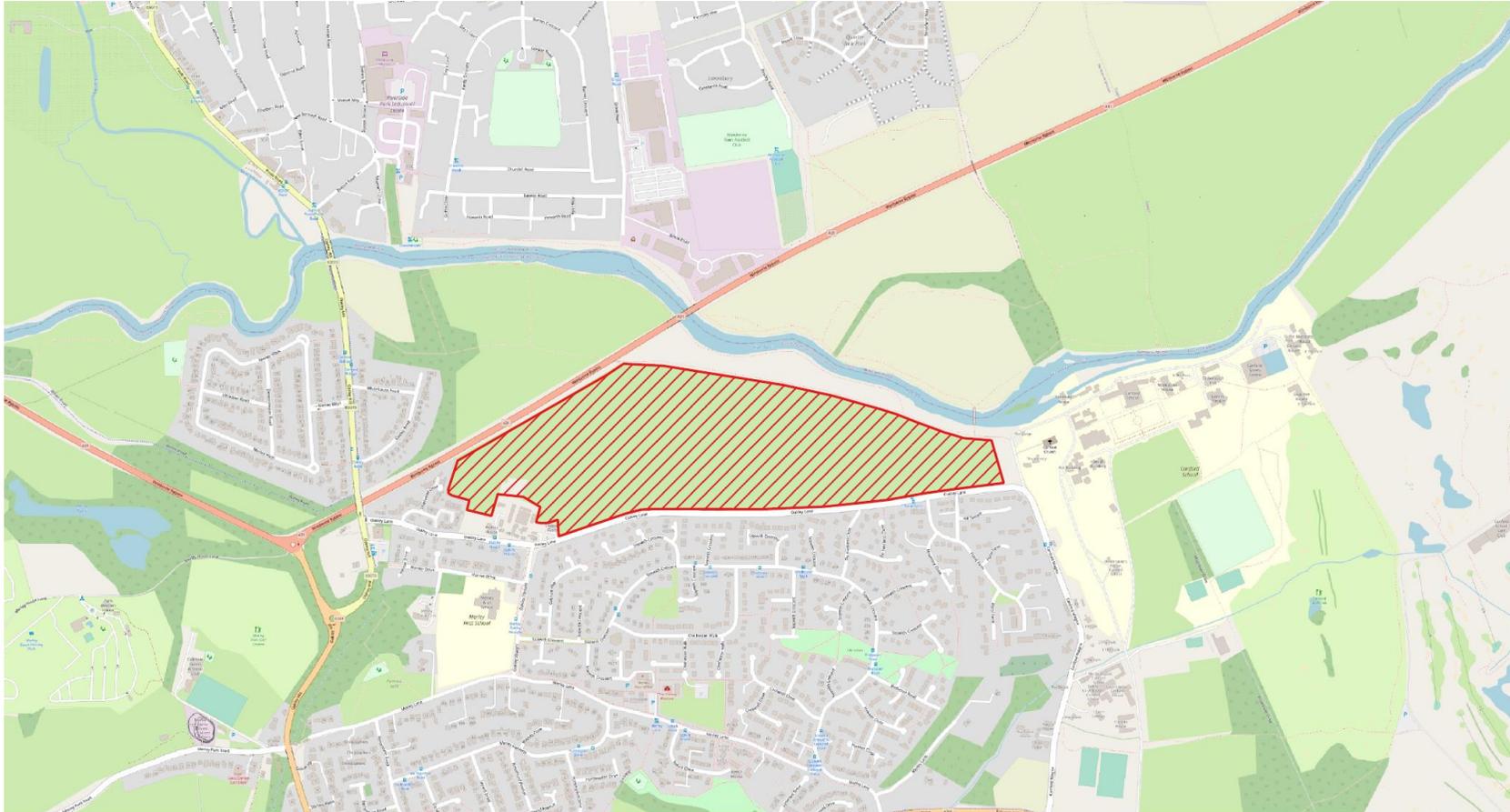
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OAKLEY LANE INSET WATER

MAP 1

Sewerage



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

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OAKLEY LANE INSET SEWERAGE

MAP 1

### 3. Variation Notice

**WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY**  
**WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTIONS 6 TO 9**

**Variation of the Appointments of Independent Water Networks Limited, South West Water Limited and Wessex Water Services Limited as Water and Sewerage Undertakers**

Made on 8 January 2024

Coming into effect on 9 January 2024

1. Independent Water Networks Limited ("Independent Water Networks"), South West Water Limited ("South West Water") and Wessex Water Services Limited ("Wessex Water") hold Appointments as water and sewerage undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").<sup>1</sup> The areas to which the Appointments of Independent Water Networks Limited, South West Water and Wessex Water as water and sewerage undertakers relate ("Water Supply Area" and "Sewerage Services Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
2. The site called Oakley Lane, Wimborne in Dorset which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation ("the Site") is within South West Water's Water Supply Area and Wessex Water's Sewerage Services Area. The Site is being developed by Cala Homes Limited.
3. Independent Water Networks has applied under section 7(4)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991 ("the Act") for a variation of its Appointment as a water and sewerage undertaker to include the Site and for a consequential variation of South West Water's and Wessex Water's Appointments 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

<sup>1</sup> South West Water's and Wessex Water's original Appointments as water and sewerage undertakers were 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.

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 Independent Water Networks' application.

5. Therefore, as provided by sections 7(2) and 7(4)(b) of the Act, and with the agreement of Cala Homes Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**—
  - (a) the Appointment of Independent Water Networks as a water and sewerage undertaker so that the Site is included in Independent Water Networks' Water Supply Area and Sewerage Services Area;
  - (b) the Appointment of South West Water as a water undertaker so that the Site is excluded from South West Water's Water Supply Area; and
  - (c) the Appointment of Wessex Water as a sewerage undertaker so that the Site is excluded from Wessex Water's Sewerage Services Area.

**Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority**

*Laura Clougher*

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**Principal, Casework and Enforcement**

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<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.