

Variation of Independent Water Networks Limited's appointment to include Tilstock Road, Whitchurch (Sewerage)

On 31 August 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 Severn Trent Water Limited's ("Severn Trent Water") water supply area and Dŵr Cymru Cyfyngedig's ("Dŵr Cymru") sewerage services area called Tilstock Road, Whitchurch in Shropshire ("the Site"). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 2 October 2023. During the consultation period, we did not receive any representations or comments in response to our proposal.

On 14 December 2023, Independent Water Networks asked to consider granting the variation for the water services aspect of this application ahead of that for sewerage services as water connections were due to be made on the Site in January 2024. This was due to delays regarding finalising how Independent Water Networks would serve the Site for sewerage services. Ofwat agreed to progress the water services ahead of the sewerage services and the decision document relating to the water variation can be found [here](#).

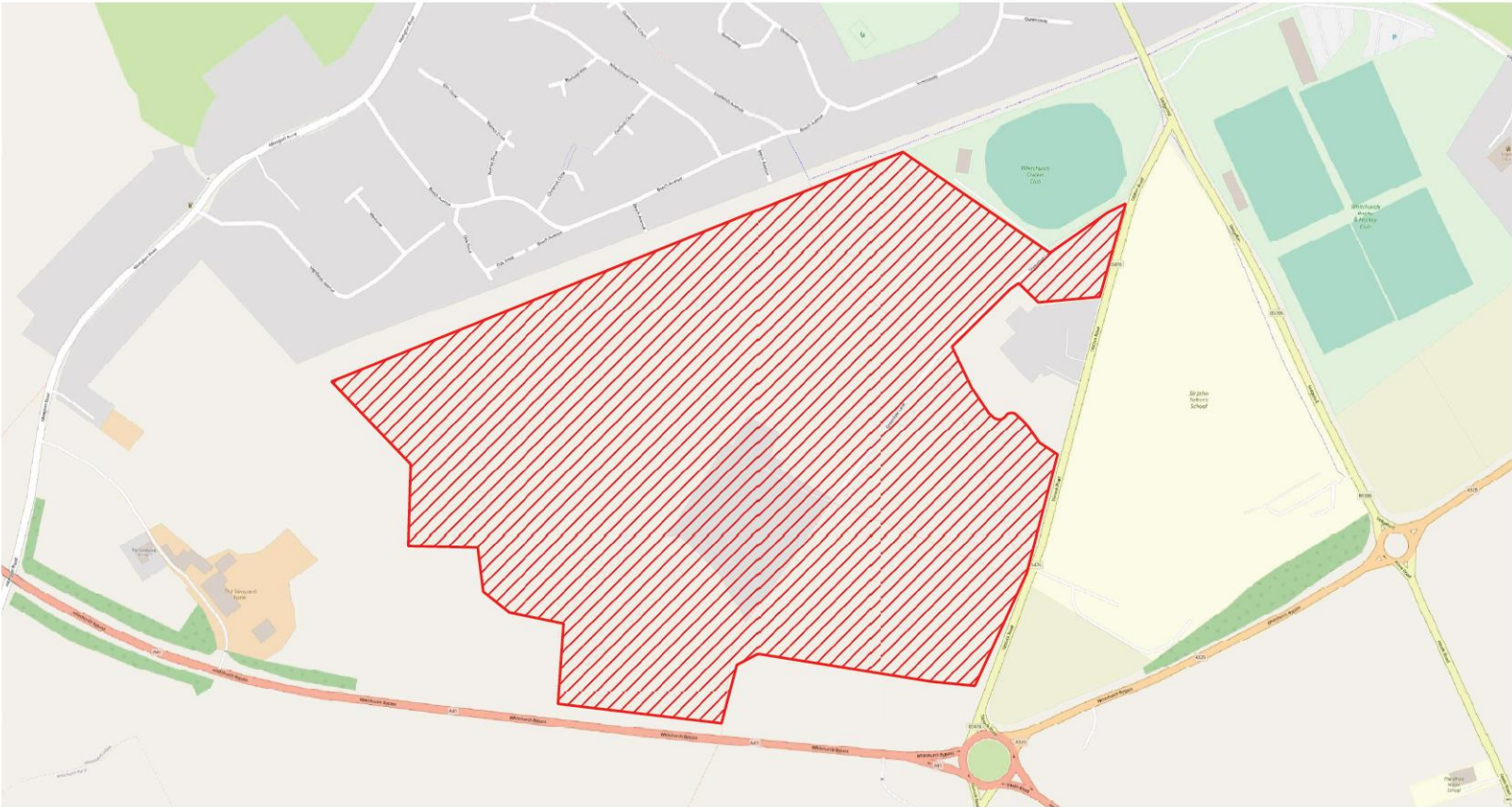
As a result, this decision relates only to the sewerage services on the Site.

Having assessed Independent Water Networks' application and having received no responses to our consultation we decided to grant a variation to Independent Water Networks' area of appointment to allow it to serve the Site for sewerage services. This appointment became effective on 15 February 2024.

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



PLAN REFERRED TO IN THE VARIATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF INDEPENDENT WATER NETWORKS LIMITED AND DŴR CYMRU

CYFYNGEDIG, AS SEWERAGE UNDERTAKERS, MADE BY THE WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY ON ...
14 February 2024

ADDRESS : TILSTOCK ROAD, WHITCHURCH, SY13 3JG
OS GRID REFERENCE: 354170, 340419

SCALE: 1:5000
DRAWN BY: SC
DATE: 23/06/2023



**TILSTOCK ROAD
INSET SEWERAGE BOUNDARY MAP 1**

2. Variation Notice

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

**Variation of the Appointments of Independent Water Networks Limited, and Dŵr Cymru
Cyfyngedig as Sewerage Undertakers**

Made on 14 February 2024

Coming into effect on 15 February 2024

1. Independent Water Networks Limited ("Independent Water Networks"), and Dŵr Cymru Cyfyngedig ("Dŵr Cymru"), hold Appointments as sewerage undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").¹ The areas to which the Appointments of Independent Water Networks, and Dŵr Cymru as sewerage undertakers relate ("Sewerage Services Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
2. The site called Tilstock Road, Whitchurch in Shropshire, which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation, ("the Site") is within Dŵr Cymru's Sewerage Services Area. The Site is being developed by BDW Trading 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 sewerage undertaker to include the Site and for a consequential variation of Dŵr Cymru's 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 Services² 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 BDW Trading Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority varies–

¹ Dŵr Cymru's original Appointments as a sewerage 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.

² 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 Independent Water Networks as a sewerage undertaker so that the Site is included in Independent Water Networks' Sewerage Services Area; and
- (b) the Appointment of Dŵr Cymru as a sewerage undertaker so that the Site is excluded from Dŵr Cymru's Sewerage Services Area.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority



Sally Irgin
Director of Enforcement