

Granting an appointment to Advanced Water Infrastructure Networks Limited to allow it to provide water and sewerage services to Old Ham Lane, Lenham

Ofwat has granted an appointment to Advanced Water Infrastructure Networks Limited to allow it to provide water and sewerage services to Old Ham Lane, Lenham

On 13 December 2023, Ofwat began a [consultation](#) on a proposal to grant an appointment to Advanced Water Infrastructure Networks Limited (“**Advanced Water**”) to allow it to become the water and sewerage services provider for a development in South East Water Limited's (“**South East Water**”) water supply area and Southern Water Services Limited's (“**Southern Water**”) sewerage services area called Old Ham Lane, Lenham in Kent (“**the Site**”). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 15 January 2024. During the consultation period, we received no representations.

We will only make a new appointment or variation (“**NAV**”) 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 sewerage company. As set out in our consultation we are satisfied this is the case.

Having assessed Advanced Water's application, having received no responses to our consultation, and Advanced Water having completed the market entry assurance process with the Market Operator Services Limited (“**MOSL**”), we decided to grant an appointment to Advanced Water to allow it to serve the Site for water and sewerage services. This appointment became effective on 17 April 2024.

The Site maps for the appointment can be found in Section 2 of this document.

The instrument of appointment legally making this appointment can be found in Section 3 of this document and on our website [here](#).

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1. Next steps

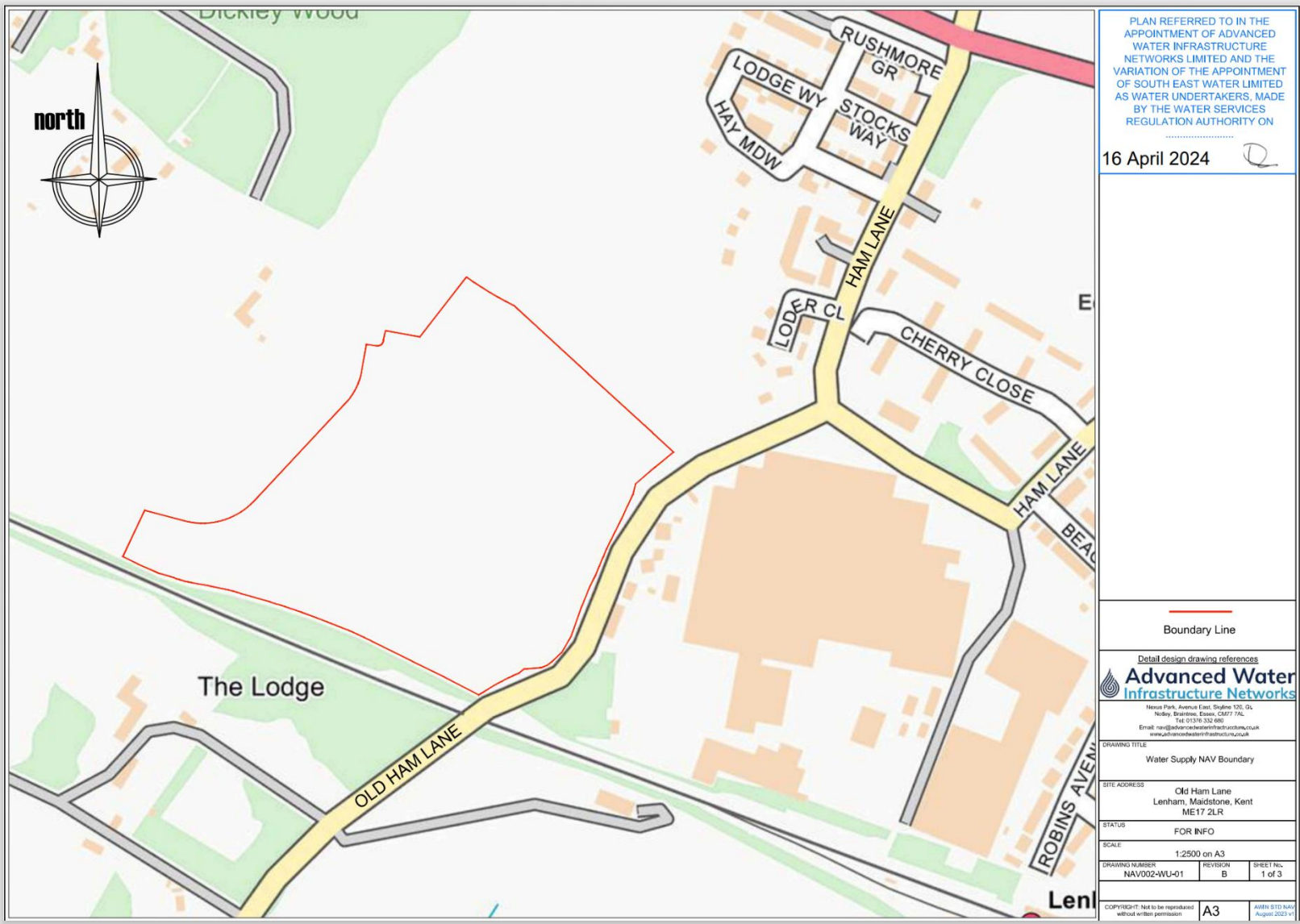
Once the appointment is granted, Advanced Water intends to apply to the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (“**Defra**”), to exit the business retail market. Advanced Water can apply to Defra to exit the market once the appointment is granted and Defra will process its application in accordance with The Water and Sewerage Undertakers (Exit from Non-household Retail Market) Regulations 2016.

Prior to exiting the market Advanced Water has an interim arrangement with Castle Water Limited (“**Castle Water**”), whereby Castle Water will serve its business customers until it exits the market. Once exited, Advanced Water will act as a wholesaler to household and business customers.

Business customers on any of Advanced Water's future sites will be appointed a retailer in accordance with MOSL's gap site process and once appointed a retailer, all business customers will be able to move to retailers of their choice.

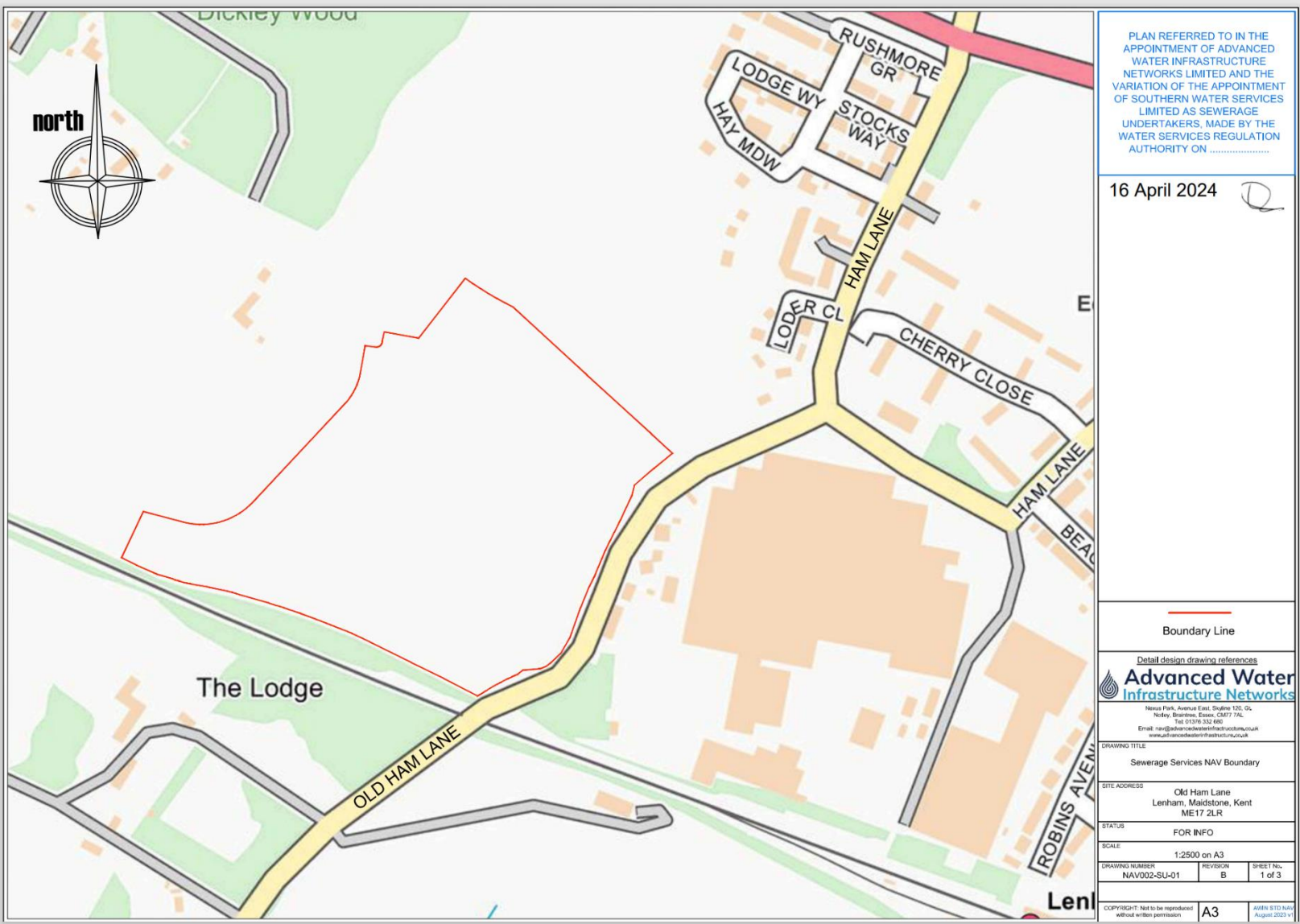
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2. Site map - Water



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Site map - Sewerage



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3. Instrument of appointment

**WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY
WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTIONS 6 TO 9 AND 11**

Appointment of Advanced Water Infrastructure Networks Limited as a Water and Sewerage Undertaker and Variation of the Appointments of South East Water Limited and Southern Water Services Limited as Water and Sewerage Undertakers

Made on 16 April 2024

Coming into effect on 17 April 2024

1. Advanced Water Infrastructure Networks Limited ("Advanced Water") has applied under section 6(1) and 7(4)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991 ("the Act") to be appointed as the water and sewerage undertaker for a site at Old Ham Lane, Lenham in Kent that is currently in the Water Supply Area of South East Water Limited ("South East Water") and the Sewerage Services Area of Southern Water Services Limited ("Southern Water")¹.
2. 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 paragraphs 3 and 5 below. After public consultation, as required by section 8 of the Act, the Water Services Regulation Authority has decided that it should grant Advanced Water's application.
3. Therefore, as provided by sections 6(1), 7(2) and 7(4)(b) of the Act, the Water Services Regulation Authority **appoints** Advanced Water ("**the Appointee**") to be the water and sewerage undertaker for the Water Supply Area and Sewerage Services Area described in Schedule 1.
4. The Appointment made in paragraph 3 ("**the Appointments**") is subject to the conditions set out in Schedule 2.
5. In consequence of the Appointments, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies** the appointment of South East Water as a Water Undertaker and Southern Water as a Sewerage Undertaker, so the area described in Schedule 1 is excluded from South East Water's Water Supply Area and Southern Water's Sewerage Services Area.

¹ South East Water's and Southern Water's original appointment 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.

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.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority



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