

Variation of Independent Water Networks Limited's appointment to include Exmouth Junction, Exeter

On 22 December 2022, 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 sewerage services area called Exmouth Junction, Exeter ("the Site"). Details of the application and our assessment of it were set out in the consultation document.

The consultation ended on 26 January 2023. During the consultation period, we received one response from South West Water, confirming that it was content for this variation to proceed.

Following the end of the consultation period Independent Water Networks informed Ofwat of two changes it wished to make to its application: a minor change in the boundary of the Site and a change in the developer due to the previous developer going into administration. The new developer is Places for People Developments Limited. Independent Water Networks provided updated maps for the Site (please see section 1) and updated developer consent which meets the necessary criteria. Independent Water Networks confirmed that whilst the boundary of the Site has changed, to include a small additional area, the number of properties on Site remains the same. We have considered this updated information and are satisfied that the conclusions of our original assessment remains unchanged.

There are two adjacent sites to the Site, Exmouth Junction 2, Exeter and Exmouth Junction, Exeter, 3. The Sites are adjacent and there does not appear to be an overlap in the areas they cover.

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.

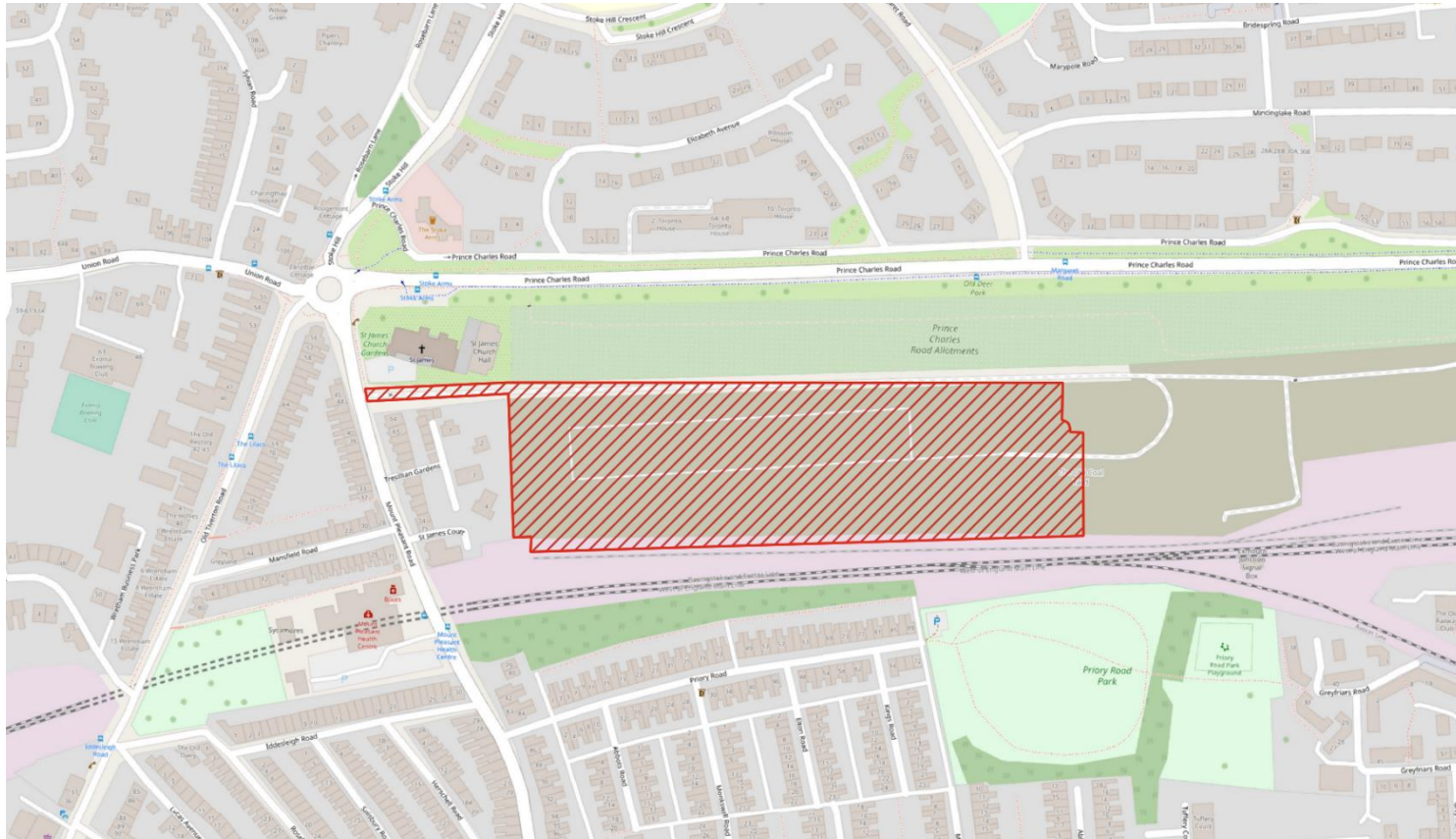
Having assessed Independent Water Networks' application and having taken account of the response we received to our consultation, we decided to grant a variation to Independent Water Networks' area of appointment to allow it to serve the Site for water and sewerage services. This appointment became effective on 24 April 2024.

The Site Maps 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 Maps

Water:



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23 April 2024

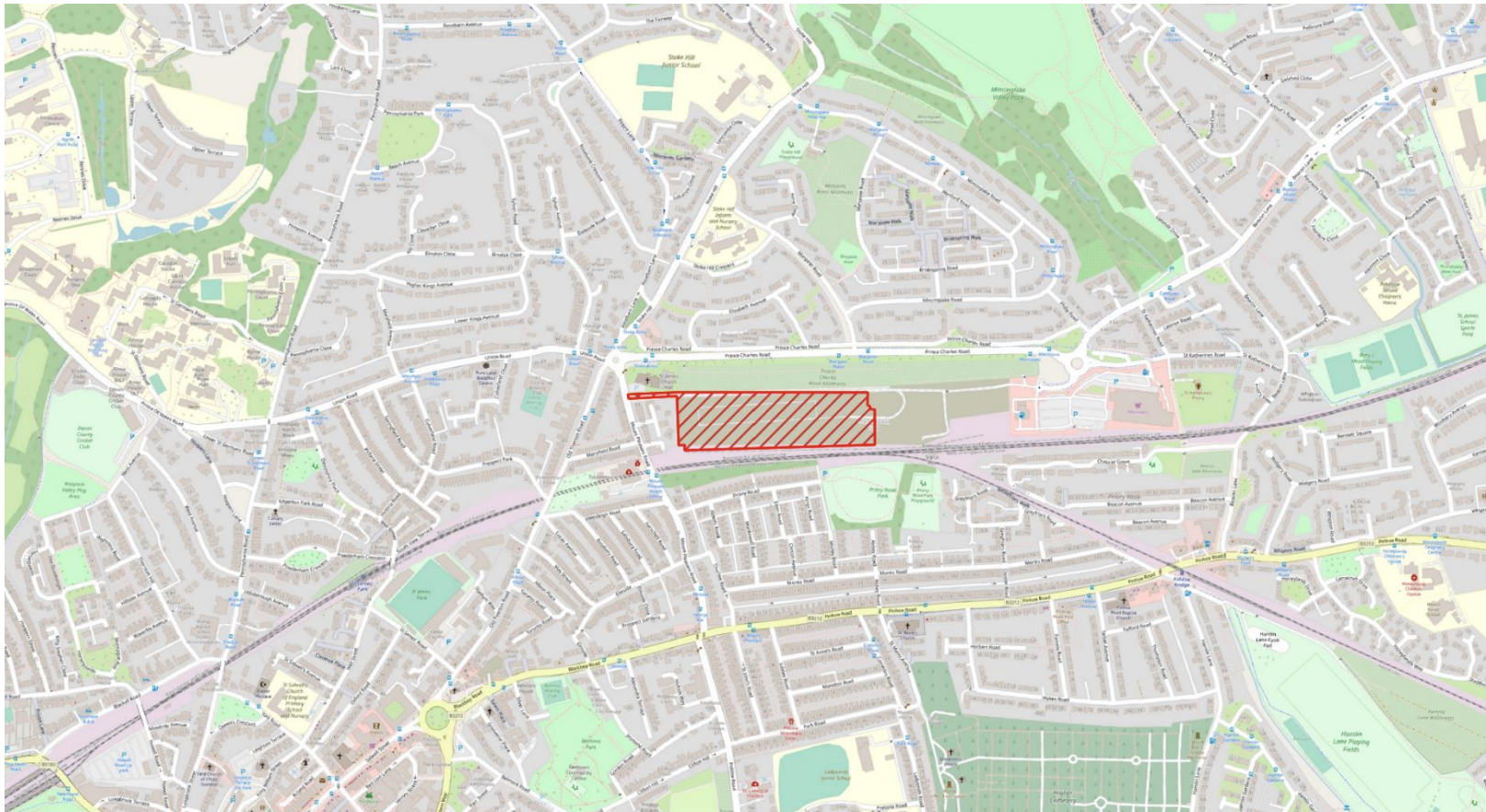
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EXMOUTH JUNCTION INSET WATER

MAP 1

Sewerage:



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EXMOUTH JUNCTION INSET SEWERAGE

MAP 2

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 South West Water Limited as Water and Sewerage Undertakers

Made on 23 April 2024

Coming into effect on 24 April 2024

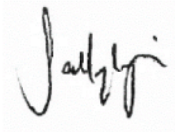
1. Independent Water Networks Limited ("Independent Water Networks") and South West Water Limited ("South West Water") hold Appointments as water and sewerage undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").¹ The areas to which the Appointments of Independent Water Networks and South West 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 Exmouth Junction, Exeter, 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 Sewerage Services Area. The Site is being developed by Places for People Developments 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 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 Places for People Developments Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**–

¹ South West Water's original Appointment as a water and 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.

- (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; and
- (b) the Appointment of South West Water as a water and sewerage undertaker so that the Site is excluded from South West Water's Water Supply Area and Sewerage Services Area.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Irgin', is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Sally Irgin
Director of Enforcement**