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## Dear Sir Madam,

I refer to the above consultation and am responding on behalf of Thames Water Utilities Limited.

Thames Water support the objective to seek ongoing improvement to utility infrastructure. In particular it will be critical to ensure that any wastewater infrastructure necessary to support new development within the area is delivered ahead of the occupation of development. In this respect developments will be required to comply with Policy DM18 of the Submission Epping Forest Local Plan.

Any off-site network upgrades required to support new development will be delivered by Thames Water and funded through the Infrastructure Charge. However, the time taken for delivering any necessary infrastructure upgrades should not be underestimated. To understand, design and deliver local network upgrades can take around 18 months to 3 years. As such it is in developers interests to discuss their proposals with Thames Water at an early stage.

To encourage developers to liaise with Thames Water ahead of the submission of any development proposals it would be beneficial to include the following wording within the Neighbourhood Plan:

"All developers are encouraged to discuss their development proposals with local sewerage infrastructure provider ahead of the submission of their planning applications. Failure to do so may increase the risk of phasing conditions being imposed to ensure that

any network capacity is provided ahead of the occupation of development. Further information for developers can be found at: <u>https://developers.thameswater.co.uk/Developing-a-large-site/Planning-your-development/Water-and-wastewater-capacity</u> "

I trust that the above comments will be given due consideration.

Regards,

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