



South East Strategic Reservoir Option (SESRO)

2 July 2021

Attention: Mr Paul Hickey

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Regulators' Alliance for Progressing Infrastructure Development

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Dear Paul

We have pleasure in submitting the Gate 1 report for the South East Strategic Reservoir Option (SESRO) strategic regional water resource solution.

We also attach a copy of our SESRO joint board assurance statement.

The companies have worked diligently and efficiently together through the Gate 1 stage and we very much hope the submission demonstrates this and meets your requirements. We look forward to receiving your comments in anticipation that the SESRO scheme will progress forward into Gate 2.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Bentley
Chief Executive Officer, Thames Water

Ian Tyler
Chair, Affinity Water



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Gate one preliminary feasibility assessment

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Joint Board Assurance Statement**

This joint board assurance statement is provided by the two South East Strategic Reservoir Option (SESRO) partners: Thames Water and Affinity Water. The two companies have worked effectively and collaboratively on the gate one solution development. In support of this statement the two companies have undertaken both joint and individual company assurance and due diligence.

Each of the two boards are satisfied that the data and approaches used to develop the concept design and decision-making information included within the gate one submission:

- meets the requirements set out in Ofwat’s Final Determination, and subsequent additional feedback from Ofwat;
- have been subject to sufficient processes and internal systems of control to ensure that the information on design, costs and benefits contained in this submission are reliable;
- have been appropriately assured to give our stakeholders, including customers, trust and confidence in this gate one submission;
- and have appropriately considered the feedback and opinion of independent external assurance partners.

The Thames Water and Affinity Water Boards confirm that they understand their roles in this joint scheme.

The two Boards both support the recommendation for the solution progression made in this submission and are satisfied that the:

- progress on the solution, to date, is commensurate with the Final Determination timeline of being ‘construction ready’ in AMP8;
- scope, detail and quality of the preliminary activities are that which would be expected of a large infrastructure scheme of this nature at this stage;
- expenditure incurred in generating the gate one submission is efficient and relevant to the development of the submission.

On behalf of:	Name and Position:	Date:	Signature:
Thames Water	Sarah Bentley Chief Executive Officer	01/07/21	
Affinity Water	Ian Tyler Chair, Affinity Water	30/06/21	



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