
Gate 1 queries process

Strategic solution(s)	South East Strategic Reservoir
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Query

We request copies of the following documentation:

- Environmental Assessment Report (including Annex B1 and Appendices A3, A6, A9, and A11.1)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Water Framework Directive Assessment (including Appendix A_ACWG_WFD No Det_Framework)
- Carbon Assessment

Solution owner response

We have uploaded copies of all requested documentation to the RAPID sharepoint portal.

Throughout the development of the gate one study we have had continuous engagement with the EA and NE as described our gate one report. This has included holding monthly progress meetings with the NAU, specific meetings and workshops on particular topics and sharing the assessments referred to in your query. We have previously issued all of the documents relating to this query to the NAU, along with other relevant technical reports and data. We issued a draft version of these documents in April 2021 for review and comment by the NAU.

In order to ensure that the EA and NE had the latest versions of the environmental assessments we have already provided these directly to the NAU representatives for both organisations.

With regard to the carbon assessment, this has not previously been shared and hence has been uploaded to the RAPID Sharepoint portal.

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We trust that this satisfactorily deals with the query.

Date of response to RAPID	21/07/21
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