



**River Severn to River Thames Transfer**

2 July 2021

**Attention: Mr Paul Hickey**

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**River Severn to River Thames Transfer (STT)**

**Strategic regional resource option: Gate 1 submission**

Dear Paul

We have pleasure in submitting the Gate 1 report for the River Severn to River Thames Transfer strategic regional resource option.

We also attach a copy of our STT 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 STT scheme will progress forward into Gate 2.

Yours sincerely

**Steve Mogford**

Chief Executive Officer  
United Utilities

**Liv Garfield**

Chief Executive Officer  
Severn Trent Water

**Sarah Bentley**

Chief Executive Officer  
Thames Water

## Gate one preliminary feasibility assessment

### Severn to Thames Transfer Strategic Resource Option

### Joint Board Assurance Statement

This joint board assurance statement is provided by the three Severn to Thames Transfer partners; United Utilities, Severn Trent Water and Thames Water. The three companies have worked effectively and collaboratively on the gate one solution development. In support of this statement the three companies have undertaken both joint and individual company assurance and due diligence.

Each of the three 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 United Utilities and Severn Trent Water Boards both confirm that they understand their role in this submission as suppliers of the water. Thames Water confirms that they understand their role in this submission as a recipient of the water.

The three Boards all 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.

<b>On Behalf of:</b>	<b>Name and position:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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