



## Statement of exclusions and making representations

In accordance with section 37(B)(8) of the Water Industry Act 1991, or 'the Act' (as amended by the Water Act 2003) and additional guidance, this statement sets out the exclusions in relation to the publication of Southern Water's draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024 (dWRMP24).

### Commercially Confidential

Under section 37(B)(10) of 'the Act', a draft Water Resource Management Plan must exclude any information that is determined to be commercially confidential. To comply with this our submission does not disclose any information that would be considered commercially confidential.

### National Security

Under section 37(B)(10) of 'the Act', a draft Water Resource Management Plan must exclude sensitive information on the grounds that its publication would be contrary to the interests of national security.

Our dWRMP24 has been written to comply with Defra's security guidance and, as a result, the following sections of the WRMP19 are restricted:

- Annex 1: WRZ Integrity Assessment
- Annex 12: Options Appraisal
- Annex 18: SEA Appendix G Demand Management Options Assessments
- Annex 18: SEA Appendix H Preferred Options Assessment
- Annex 18: SEA Appendix I Feasible Options Assessments
- Annex 19: WFD Appendices A, B, C, D, E collated
- Annex 20: HRA Appendix D
- Annex 20: HRA Appendix E
- Annex 22: Contingency Plan (Central Area)

Should you wish to view the restricted sections, please arrange via e-mail to [wrm@southernwater.co.uk](mailto:wrm@southernwater.co.uk) allowing five working days' notice. This may require you to visit our head office (address below):

Southern House,  
Yeoman Road,  
Worthing,  
West Sussex,  
BN13 3NX

To verify compliance against the security guidance an independent audit was carried out by Atkins Limited in October 2022 as commissioned by Southern Water. Atkins Limited provided an appropriately trained, security cleared professional to carry out the formal document review of the dWRMP24 in line with the Defra guidance note relating to the publication. As part of the audit process Atkins Limited identified, redacted or modified text either because it contained location specific information or information which would have provided a detailed understanding of the operation of site-specific water supply installations.

Atkins Limited has provided confirmation of the security check on the dWRMP24.



## Confirmation of compliance

In accordance with guidance, we can confirm that our draft Water Resource Management Plan 2024 has been reviewed and does not contain any security sensitive information or any commercially confidential information.

## Representations

Any person may make representations on the draft Water Resource Management Plan 2024 in writing to the Secretary of State before the end of the representation period (20 February 2023).

Representations by e-mail should be sent to [water.resources@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:water.resources@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and be titled: "Southern Water draft Water Resource Management Plan". Representations should also be copied to:

Southern Water [wrmpp@southernwater.co.uk](mailto:wrmpp@southernwater.co.uk)

### Representations by post should be sent to:

Secretary of State, Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)  
Water Resource Management Plan consultation  
Water Resources Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs  
Seacole Ground Floor  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1 4DF

A Statement of Response to the representations received will be prepared containing the information detailed in paragraph 3 of the Water Resources Management Plan Regulations 2007. Paragraph 6 of the Water Resources Management Plan Direction 2022 requires the Statement of Response to be published within 26 weeks of the date of publication of the draft plan for consultation.