



TWUL's PR24 Business Plan – Growth EC

Culham CPO Public Inquiry

Follow up response

TWUL are a water and sewerage company, and under section 94 of the Water Industry Act 1991 have a statutory undertaking,

“to provide, improve and extend such a system of public sewers...and to make provisions for the emptying of those sewers...by means of sewage disposal works”.

As part of their undertaking, TWUL therefore have a responsibility to plan, and accommodate, for growth within their region to ensure an adequate sewerage system. Due to the levels of growth forecast across the entire Thames Water region, as outlined in Mr Paton’s PoE and EiC, TWUL submitted a ~£350 million Growth Enhancement Case (EC) as part of their Price Review 2024 (PR24) Business Plan to Ofwat. This Enhancement case proposes to upgrade 15 sewage treatment works (STW) to accommodate future growth. This EC was looking to secure approval to fund upgrades in Asset Management Plan (AMP8) in order to treat the increased flows as a result of the population growth between 2025 and 2030.

TWUL have a high degree of confidence that the growth in the Culham catchment will occur, mainly due to the granting of the Garden Village status for the Berinsfield development and other developments identified in the local plan. Culham STW will need expanding in order to meet this demand. Culham STW is the only site listed in the Growth EC to have been given internal approval for ‘Early Start’ funding in AMP7, which is being used to develop more detailed solutions before the start of AMP8. In the unlikely event that Ofwat fully ‘rejects’ the Growth Enhancement Case, TWUL would need to review their risk position and consider other funding routes, such as through base expenditure in order to provide an adequate sewerage system for the Culham catchment.



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