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Leigh Flood Storage

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Dear Kathy

Leigh Flood Storage Expansion Scheme

I am writing to confirm that Southern Water supports the proposed amendment to the River Medway which will allow an increase in the stored water level to 28.6mAOD.

It is our understanding that once delivered, the LEHES will result in much greater protection being afforded to homes and businesses in the Tonbridge and Hildenborough area and increased resilience to Tonbridge Town Centre from fluvial flooding.

I note from our discussions and plans submitted that although the top water level of the flood storage area will increase the mobilised area of flooding does not increase significantly. I note that this change does not impact on Southern Water assets or the ability of Southern Water to operate and maintain existing assets in the area.

It is on this basis that Southern Water lends its support to this important flood resilience scheme.

Yours sincerely



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