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Dear Kerry,

**Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040
Response of Southern Water
Public Hearing 12 December 2024**

I refer to our previous correspondence about the Public Hearing on the Horsham District Local Plan. I understand that Southern Water has been invited to attend on 12 December 2024 to answer oral questions.

We are keen to support the planning process and to continue our engagement with you about your Local Plan.


We are also keen to assist the Examiner with the Public Hearing, however, from review of the areas they are interested in, namely our role in the delivery of infrastructure to accommodate growth, both in general and specific to Horsham, it is clear that this information emanates from various sources at Southern Water and from more than one person. These colleagues are currently heavily focussed on our ongoing revised draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024 consultation, publication of our Drought Plan and the Final Determination for our PR24 business plan.

In the circumstances, we respectfully suggest that the most effective and helpful way of providing the information sought is to do so by way of written representation, rather than send a representative to attend the Public Hearing, who may not be in a position to answer the questions raised and it is likely that they would need to consult with their colleagues in order to answer the questions and provide a helpful response.

We note that the Public Hearing is listed for four weeks and is anticipated to complete on 22 January 2025. Therefore, we respectfully suggest that any questions for Southern Water can be submitted to us so that we can respond in writing as soon as possible and before the end of the Public Hearing.

I hope that the above proposal is acceptable and wish to confirm that no disrespect is intended by our response but after discussing this with the appropriate colleagues we are mindful that this approach may better assist the Examination.

If you or the Examiner have any further questions ahead of the Public Hearing, we would be more than happy to assist.



Yours sincerely

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