

From: SC
Sent: 25 August 2017 11:51
To: DM
Cc: GK; GS
Subject: RE: New Direct Connection to the Southern Outfall Sewer at Rye Meads - Without Prejudice

Dear DM,

I've now had chance to consider your email below and to respond.

I have looked at the 2009 Rye Meads Water Cycle Study (WCS) in some detail and cannot find the text to which you refer regarding the "Southern Outfall Sewer at Rye Meads". As we've already discussed therefore, we will need to revise our IDP where this reference occurs, and we will await the updated position statement from TWU in order to do so.

In terms of the notes of our meeting on 4th August I am happy to revise these to show that we did discuss an earlier (1990's) report and the 2009 WCS and will forward a revised note to you and to GK. Personally I am not familiar with any reports from TWU which pre-date the 2009 WCS but GK did say at our meeting that he would look into this and supply you with any relevant information he could find.

Something that I did find in the 2009 WCS, at page 127, was the following text:

"Recent upgrades by TWU to the sewerage network on the outskirts of Welwyn Garden City provide WHDC with an opportunity. A new sewer, which runs along the eastern periphery of the urban area to the trunk main, has capacity to take the wastewater from a large strategic site.

TWU have advised WHDC that a large strategic development site on the southeast margin of the urban area can be connected to this sewer.

WHDC have not yet confirmed locations for their development, but the phasing of a site in the location above would not be constrained by the sewerage network.

Likewise, development to the northeast (in the Panshanger Aerodrome area) would not be unduly constrained by the sewerage network, as it could either be connected into the new sewer (to the east), or the wastewater could be attenuated on site before being discharged into the existing outfall sewer (to the north)."

This may be of interest to you, though of course the important issue is that we have a correct and up-to-date view from Thames Water now, which will be able to inform our IDP and the Local Plan Examination, if the Inspector so requires.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

SC