



URGENT – THE FUTURE OF YOUR DRINKING WATER

A year ago SOSCA was made aware of Southern Water's plans to buy into Portsmouth Water's Havant Thicket Reservoir. Portsmouth Water has owned the site since 1965. It is the first to be built in this country since 1980s. The original concept was for it not only to provide a vital water resource but also to benefit the environment encouraging local wildlife but also for the well being of local communities through recreational use.



On the understanding that **the sole input of water would be water diverted from Havant and Bedhampton's renowned springs** Planning for this was approved by Havant Borough Council in 2021.

On 12th May 2022 – Southern Water applied for a new planning permit for a 'Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project.'

This change of use was submitted by Southern Water directly to the Secretary of State defining its water recycling project as a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project'. If approved and granted a Development Consent Order then Havant Borough Council, Hampshire County Council would have no further say in the matter – even though they refused consent and communities have voiced their objections.

This change in the whole concept means that in effect Southern Water plan to use recycled water from Budds Farm sewage treatment works using the

'reverse osmosis' system which has never been used before in the UK. This will cover not only the present Portsmouth Water customer boundary but also they also plan to **enlarge customer** boundaries north up to Crawley in Sussex.

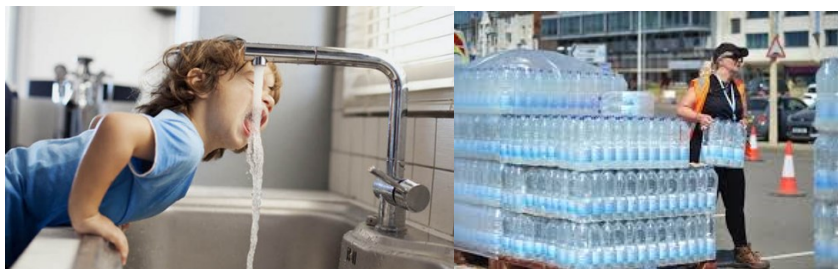
Go into the web site of HAVANT MATTERS you will find the all important points on how to send in your concerns over this whole project. All objections MUST be received by TUESDAY – 23rd July. That is when the last consultation will end. This is about YOUR EVERY DAY DRINKING WATER and that of YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

Please send both this attachment and the Havant Matters one to all your family, friends, action groups, local and national newspapers, local radio and television. We recommend that you DO NOT use the Southern Water Questionnaire but send under separate cover as per in Havant Matters.

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