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**Subject:** to: Southern Water's response to HE hybrid Planning application

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cc

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Dear Jason Hawkes

**Southern Water's Response to application DC/25/1312 – West of Ifield (Wol).**

I write to request that you ask Southern Water as a Statutory Consultee, to amend their response (dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025), to DC/25/1312, to correct inaccuracies.

Southern Water's response states that the site is not within Southern Water's Supply Area. While Southern Water would not supply foul water and surface water drainage to Wol, it would supply some drinking water. The West of Ifield site is within the Sussex North Water Resources Zone, served by Southern Water. Wol is thus subject to the Water Neutrality Strategy agreed between Horsham, Crawley and Chichester LPAs.

Homes England plan to comply with the Water Neutrality conditions by using both rainwater and groundwater (sourced from a private borehole) as substantial sources of water. However, the existing water supply to Ifield Golf Club, and water to be accessed via SNOWS will contribute to the water needed by Wol. Both these constitute water supplied by Southern Water.

Southern Water's role extends beyond mere supply. There will be a need to link to the water main that runs along Rusper Road. There may a need to introduce network reinforcements such as increasing the diameter of this main to cope with capacity. In addition, as I understand it, some of the credits for SNOWS will come from savings made from Southern Water's repairs to reduce leakage.

I hope I have not misunderstood the situation and am happy to be corrected if I have.

Kind regards



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Main document concerned with water supply: *Supporting Statement: Water Neutrality Statement: WOI-HPA-WNS-01, REV 05*, accessed at: [https://iawpa.horsham.gov.uk/PublicAccess\\_LIVE/Document/ViewDocument?id=C6B20A7EE6AF47C1BEB1BAB1A7006AC6](https://iawpa.horsham.gov.uk/PublicAccess_LIVE/Document/ViewDocument?id=C6B20A7EE6AF47C1BEB1BAB1A7006AC6)