

**Reference: Thames Water WRMP19**

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**Cllr Ian Hudspeth**

**17 July 2018**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Thames Water Draft Water Resources Management Plan 2019 – Call for Second Consultation**

The Thames Water Draft Resources Management Plan (dWRMP19) consultation was opened on the 8 February and closed on the 29 April 2018.

Oxfordshire County Council responded to this consultation on 20 April 2018 and the response is attached to this letter as an Annex.

The plan proposes a new reservoir near Abingdon to serve the forecast needs of not only the Thames Water area, but also the wider South East.

The consultation response from OCC looks for clarification on:

- The population forecast figures;
- How much water will be sold to other water companies; and
- How Thames Water will speed up their programme of leakage reduction

Following a motion raised and carried unanimously at Full Council on 10 July 2018 Oxfordshire County Council supports the position of GARD in response to the plan which asks “Thames Water to:

- Reduce leakage by half by 2050
- Improve water-use efficiency to match the norms of other companies
- Provide a proper analysis of water available through other measures, including Teddington DRA and water re-use.

Which together should solve the water shortage issue and provide a 1 in 200 severity drought resilience.”

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I am therefore writing as Leader of the Council to Thames Water, Defra, the Environment Agency and Ofwat, requesting that a second consultation be undertaken due to incomplete information or errors on the information used to base their recommendations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Hudspeth', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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