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Dear Mr Maynard,

I am writing on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council in relation to the White Horse Reservoir (formerly the South East Strategic Reservoir Option – SESRO) and Thames Water’s statutory public consultation on the proposal.

We wish to inform you that the council has written to the Secretary of State, Ofwat and the Environment Agency highlighting our concerns – specifically contraventions of the Gunning Principles – with the statutory consultation undertaken by Thames Water in relation to the White Horse Reservoir. We have also requested that Thames Water be directed to carry out a fresh consultation which considers all the potential options/alternatives in relation to the White Horse Reservoir proposal and provides respondents with all of the relevant information to allow them to make an informed decision.

The Vale is hopeful that you will be able to support us in this endeavour and we are, therefore, asking for you to make similar representations to the Secretary of State, Ofwat and the Environment Agency.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours Sincerely,



Councillor Bethia Thomas
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cc MP Layla Moran
MP Olly Glover