

We don't trust Southern Water with our drinking water!

We are very concerned about Southern Waters proposal for the **Hampshire Water Transfer and Recycling Project**.

If this the draft Water Resources Management Plan which is out for consultation is approved by the Secretary of State, treated effluent from Budds Farm Waste Water Treatment Works would be sent to Havant Thicket Reservoir where it would mix with water pumped from the Havant and Bedhampton Springs.

The water would then be supplied to Portsmouth Water customers after treatment at the Farlington Treatment Works. Water would also be supplied to Southern Water's Otterbourne Supply Works and onward to supply residents in west Hampshire in times of drought.

We feel that this proposal **will not result in the environmental gain that the Havant Thicket Reservoir would have achieved** and set out in the original planning application from Portsmouth Water and approved by Havant Borough Council.

There has been **very little engagement with local residents; most seem unaware that instead of drinking spring water, as we do currently, that the water supply we will receive will be sourced also from recycled effluent.**

Because of its **dreadful and lengthy record on polluting our local harbours, SOUTHERN WATER IS NOT TRUSTED** with the proposed change to **our water supply**. We feel that many residents may move to purchasing bottled water as their source of drinking water. That would result in additional plastic waste, hence our message to you in a recycled bottle.

We are also concerned about increasing bills for customers.

As one of our local elected representatives we would like to ask if both you and Havant Borough Council are responding to DEFRA highlighting residents' concerns about the proposal ? The three consultations run until February 20rd and include the Budds Farm effluent recycling proposal.

Other more sustainable options for future water supply need to be examined more carefully.

The proposal is complex and in order to provide accessible information we have set out our concerns on the Havant Matters website, this information includes links to the consultations and **a simple and quick method of responding**. We have also emailed you a **link to Havant Matters** and hope you find this helpful. havantmatters.org/water

Thank you for reading this message. We look forward to your response and any questions you may have, please respond to our email address: water@havantmatters.org

Good wishes

Havant Climate Alliance, Havant Friends of the Earth, Havant Borough Residents' Alliance,

Havant Civic Society, Hayling Sewage Watch.