

# South East Strategic Reservoir Option: our interim master plan and design options



## Public Consultation Summer 2024

We want your views on our interim master plan and design options for our proposed new reservoir.

You can share your feedback using this form but if your response is likely to be lengthy or technical you could also:

- email your response to us at [SESRO@ipsos.com](mailto:SESRO@ipsos.com) or
- write to us at FREEPOST SESRO CONSULTATION.

Please only use the response methods described here to respond to the consultation. We cannot guarantee that responses sent to other addresses will be considered. Please send your response by 11.59pm on 28 August 2024, when the consultation closes.

For more information about the options we've considered, please read our supporting documents, which you can find on our website at [thames-sro.co.uk/SESRO](https://thames-sro.co.uk/SESRO)

If you need assistance completing this questionnaire, or for material in other formats, please email us on [info.SESRO@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:info.SESRO@thameswater.co.uk) or phone us on **0800 316 9800**.

**Confidentiality and Data Protection:** Thames Water will store and use your personal data in relation to this consultation on the SESRO project. This is important so we can record accurately and analyse any feedback and/or questions raised.

If you'd like us to be able to update you about the project, please provide your email address

You can opt-out from receiving updates from us at any time by emailing us at [info.SESRO@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:info.SESRO@thameswater.co.uk)

☐ If you don't want us to contact you again, please tick this box

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Please write your response within the boxes below and, if you need to, attach additional information to the response form ensuring you make it clear which question you are answering.

### About you

1. Name

2. Postcode

Providing your postcode is not compulsory but may be helpful when we analyse your feedback

3. Are you responding on behalf of a business or organisation? ☐ Yes ☐ no

If yes, please include the name of your organisation

What category of organisation or groups are you representing? Please select all that apply

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business   | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory agency  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected representative (MPs, and local councillors)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate, housing associations or property-related organisations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment, heritage, amenity, or community group   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport, infrastructure or utility organisation                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local government (county and district councils, parish and town councils and local partnerships) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other representative group (includes trade unions, political parties and professional bodies)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say   |

Please note, if you are providing a response on behalf of an organisation or group, the name and details of the organisation may be subject to publication or appear in a consultation report.

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## About you (cont'd)

### 4. How did you hear about this consultation?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter or postcard                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper advertisement                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Community group or recreational group     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter/X Whatsapp) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) <input type="text"/> |

## Relating to the project: design options

### 5. We are considering options for the rail links to the site.

Our preferred option is Option 5. Do you have any comments on these plans?

### 6. We are proposing to build a new access road to the site for construction vehicles.

Once the reservoir is built the road could be used as the access for visitors for recreational use. Our preferred option is Option B. Do you have any comments on these plans?

### 7. Several routes have been considered to replace the existing road between East Hanney and Steventon.

Our preferred option is Option A. Do you have any comments on these plans?

## Relating to the project: design options (cont'd)

8. We need to identify a location for a proposed Water Treatment Works, which is currently proposed to be designed, consented, built and operated by Southern Water. Our preferred options for the location of the Water Treatment Works are Option 2 and Option 4. Do you have any comments on these plans?

9. We are proposing Option B as our preferred option for our intake/outfall structure. Do you have any comments on these plans?

10. We have considered several options for the Emergency Discharge and Option C is our preferred option. Do you have any comments on these plans?

11. Do you have any comments on the process we undertook to develop our preferred options for the infrastructure associated with the reservoir?

## Relating to the project: our design principles

- 12. We have presented our draft design principles for the SESRO Master Plan.  
Do you have any comments on our draft design principles?**

## Relating to the project: our Interim Master Plan

- 13. Our Interim Master Plan is an overall spatial layout of the proposed reservoir site, including wetlands for capturing flood water and introducing diverse ecology, operational areas, such as for treating water or transferring it to and from the reservoir, amenity areas, public access, woodlands, footpaths and others. Do you have any comments on our Interim Master Plan?**

- 14. Do you have any other comments relating to the proposals for SESRO at this stage in the process?**

## Communication

**15. Were the consultation materials clear and easy to understand?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Don't know

**16. How would you like us to communicate with you in future?**

- ☐ Newsletters  
☐ Through face to face events  
☐ Online  
☐ Other (please state)

## Equality monitoring

**17. The Equality Act 2010 protects people against discrimination based on nine protected characteristics.**

These are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. Please explain if you think our proposals will discriminate against people with protected characteristics.

**18. Which of the following best describes your gender?**

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Man        | <input type="checkbox"/> My gender is not listed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woman      | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary |  |

**19. What is your age group?** If you are under 18 please tick the box and ask a parent, teacher or guardian to sign below to indicate they are happy for your response to be considered.

- ☐ Under 18   ☐ 19-29   ☐ 30-39   ☐ 40-49   ☐ 50-59   ☐ 60-69   ☐ 70-79   ☐ 80+

Parent/teacher/guardian name box

Parent/teacher/guardian signature box

## Equality monitoring (cont'd)

**20. What is your ethnic group? Which of the following best describes you?**

A: White

- ☐ English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- ☐ Irish
- ☐ Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- ☐ Any other White background

B: Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups

- ☐ White and Black Caribbean
- ☐ White and Black African
- ☐ White and Asian
- ☐ Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background

C: Asian/Asian British

- ☐ Indian
- ☐ Pakistani
- ☐ Bangladeshi
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Any other Asian background

D: Black/African/Caribbean/Black British

- ☐ African
- ☐ Caribbean
- ☐ Any other Black/African/Caribbean background

E: Other ethnic group

- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Any other Asian background

F: Prefer not to say

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**21. Do you consider yourself or anyone in your household to be officially disabled defined by the Equality Act 2010 as 'A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out day-to-day activities'?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Thank you for taking part  
in this consultation