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We run and maintain all the sewage works in the capital, including Deephams Sewage Works.

As part of the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade, we are responsible for preparing and submitting an application for permission to build the new sewage works. Throughout the upgrade we will work closely with a range of other organisations and regulators, each with their own responsibilities.

Environment Agency

The Environment Agency (EA) has an important role in the development of the upgrade, as it is our environmental regulator. The EA set the new, tighter quality standard that requires improvements to be made to the quality of the treated wastewater that flows into the Salmon's Brook.

The EA is also responsible for wider environmental factors, including the risk of flooding, and will be an important stakeholder and consultee on the planning application.

Ofwat

Ofwat is the economic regulator of the water and sewerage companies in England and Wales. Its role is to make sure that these companies provide their customers with good quality service and that customers' bills represent value for money.

Ofwat looks in detail at our large construction projects to make sure that they are necessary and that our customers are not paying for unnecessary costs. It then decides how much we can charge customers to cover the costs to pay for the work to maintain or improve the services we provide.

Ofwat has allowed us the necessary funding for the preparation and early construction work for the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade. We will need to seek further approval from Ofwat for the full funding to finish building the selected option for the upgrade.

Planning Inspectorate

The Planning Inspectorate is a government agency that is responsible for deciding planning applications that are referred to it. All applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) are made to its National Infrastructure Directorate (which replaced the Infrastructure Planning Commission in April 2012). The Planning Inspectorate is also responsible for deciding on appeals that are made where planning applications have been refused by local councils.

If following the first phase of public consultation the existing Deephams Sewage Works site is not confirmed as the preferred site for the upgrade, our application will be for permission to build the upgrade on a new site. If this is the case, the upgrade will become a NSIP and we would need to submit our application to the Planning Inspectorate (see the 'Timetable and planning' leaflet). A panel of Planning Inspectorate commissioners would then be appointed to look at the application in detail and give their recommendations to the Secretary of State, who would make the final decision on whether permission is given to build the upgrade.

Defra

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is the Government department with responsibility for environmental protection and enhancement, including the water industry. Defra has prepared and published the National Policy Statement (NPS) for Waste Water, March 2012. The NPS identifies the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade as a potential NSIP (see the 'Timetable and planning' leaflet).

London boroughs

Deephams Sewage Works is located in the London Borough of Enfield, and is close to the boundaries of the London boroughs of Haringey and Waltham Forest. These three boroughs have been important consultees in the work we have carried out so far. They will continue to play an important part in the preparation, submission and proposals of the planning application for the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade.

If, following the first phase of public consultation, our preferred site is confirmed and our application is for permission to build the new sewage works on the existing Deephams Sewage Works site, then we would submit it to the London Borough of Enfield. The other two London boroughs and the Greater London Authority will be important consultees in that planning application.

The London boroughs also set planning policies for their areas in their Development Plans. We need to make sure that the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade meets the requirements of these policies, so far as is possible.

Greater London Authority

The Greater London Authority (GLA) has been kept informed of the progress with the project to date and meetings have taken place with GLA representatives. The GLA and Mayor of London have an important role to play as consultees in the decision on the planning application.

The GLA is responsible for the London Plan, which sets planning policies and standards to be met across London. We need to make sure that the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade is consistent with these policies, so far as is possible. The Mayor of London has special powers on strategic planning applications that mean he can decide upon them himself, if he considers that it is appropriate to do so.

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

Deephams Sewage Works is next to the Lee Valley Regional Park. The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA) is responsible for the management of the regional park. It has statutory powers to prepare plans for the future development of the park, and to comment on development proposals that may affect it. We have been talking to the LVRPA during the work we have carried out so far and it will be an important consultee on the application for permission to build the upgrade.

Other stakeholders

We will also work with a number of other organisations throughout the planning and consultation process for the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade, including Transport for London, English Heritage, Natural England, Thames 21 and the North London Strategic Alliance.

Find out more

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