

Timetable and planning

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- What is happening and when
- How we will apply for permission to build the upgrade

No decisions have been made about the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade and this is the first of two phases of consultation where you can have your say.

Who will decide whether the proposals go ahead?

There are a number of decisions that will have to be made following the first phase of public consultation and before we can submit an application for permission to build the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade.

We have to propose the most appropriate treatment processes to use for the upgrade, to make sure that we meet the treated wastewater quality standards set by the Environment Agency while we are building the upgrade and after construction has finished. We will base this proposal on feedback from the consultation, expert advice from the contractors we will employ to build the upgrade and the results of additional design, engineering and environmental work carried out by these contractors and our project team.

Ofwat will have to approve the funding of the cost of the Deephams Sewage Works Upgrade. There are two possible routes that our application for permission to build the upgrade could take. 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 Borough's Planning Department would be responsible for deciding upon our application, and would take into account the views of local people and consultees. The Greater London Authority would also provide its comments on the proposals during this process. It is likely to take around nine months for the London Borough of Enfield to make its decision.

However, if following the first phase of public consultation, a different site is confirmed as the preferred site, then the upgrade would become a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and we would need to submit our application to the Planning Inspectorate. This would be through an application for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008.

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. It is likely to take approximately six months longer for this decision to be made than in the timetable shown.

