

East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan

Thames water engagement

8 June 2016

1. Present

- Jim Triffitt (EH Parish Council)
- Stewart Scott (EH Parish Council)
- Gill Panton (EH neighbourhood Plan)
- Huw Thomas (Thames Water, Local/Government Liaison)
- Mark Mathews (Thames Water, Town Planning Manager)

2. Discussions

The current planning application status was explained and a map of these applications given to Thames water. (Action SS to send appeal inspectors comments to Thames Water),

The current status of the Neighbourhood plans was explained.

A drainage study for the Wantage Sewage Treatment Works catchment has started and the first report is expected to be issued in the next 3 weeks. Thames water offered to come back in July and explain the results of this study. (Action TW and SS to arrange date of meeting)

A draft Water Resources Management Plan is currently being worked on, this includes ideas for water transfer, water efficiency as well as water storage. The land for the reservoir is currently safeguarded. Other sites for smaller reservoirs at Chinnor and Longworth are also being investigated. The Plan will be issued for consultation in January 2018.

SS raised the issue of increased discharge but stopped augmentation resulting in lower clean water flow. Thames Water will look at discharge limit and possible implications. (Action TW)

The South East is designated as a Water Scarce Area. Current building regulations are that houses should be built to 125l/day/person. There is a District Council policy requiring design to 110 l/day/person. Need to check. Maybe in the statement of common ground between vale and Thames Water.

The London Plan has a Sustainable design and construction guidance. The neighbourhood plan could use some of this and use the word ENCOURAGE. (Action TW to send references)

The Neighbourhood plan could ENCOURAGE developers to work together and with Thames water to develop drainage solutions.

The Neighbourhood Plan could EXPECT developers to provide high levels of resilience in their designs, particularly as regards flooding.

The Survey could ask residents about occurrences of internal flooding, external flooding, loss of sewer function and low water supply pressure.

Thames Water will investigate fitting water pressure meters in the village. (Action TW)

Water flow meters are fitted on all new properties and when properties change ownership. Once fitted, they cannot be removed.

Water pressure should be 1 Bar at the property boundary. If residents suffer from low pressure they should report it to Thames Water.