

WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY
WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTIONS 6 TO 9

Variation of the Appointments of Independent Water Networks Limited and Affinity Water Limited as Water Undertakers

Made on 10 March 2026

Coming into effect on 11 March 2026

1. Independent Water Networks Limited ("Independent Water Networks") and Affinity Water Limited ("Affinity Water") hold Appointments as water undertakers for their respective areas ("the Appointments").¹ The areas to which the Appointments of Independent Water Networks and Affinity Water as water undertakers relate ("Water Supply Area") are set out in their Instruments of Appointment.
2. The site called Grays Lane, Hitchen in Hertfordshire which is shown edged in red on the plan attached to this variation ("the Site") is within Affinity Water's Water Supply Area. The Site is being developed by Hill Partnerships Limited.
3. Independent Water Networks has applied under section 7(4)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991 ("the Act") for a variation of its Appointment as a water undertaker to include the Site and for a consequential variation of Affinity Water's Appointment to exclude the Site.
4. On 27 June 1995, the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales acting jointly and pursuant to sections 6(1) and 7(2) of the Act authorised the Director General of Water Services² to make variations such as those contained in paragraph 5 below. After public consultation, as required by section 8 of the Act, the Water Services Regulation Authority has decided that it should grant Independent Water Networks' application.
5. Therefore, as provided by sections 7(2) and 7(4)(b) of the Act, and with the agreement of Hill Partnerships Limited, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**–
 - (a) the Appointment of Independent Water Networks as a water undertaker so that the Site is included in Independent Water Networks' Water Supply Area; and

¹ Affinity Water's original Appointment as a water undertaker was made by the Secretary of State for the Environment under sections 11 and 14 of the Water Act 1989, now replaced by sections 6 and 11 of the Water Industry Act 1991. Independent Water Networks' original Appointment was made by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 6 and 11 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

² With effect from 1 April 2006 the functions of the Director General of Water Services were transferred to the Water Services Regulation Authority in accordance with section 36 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Water Act 2003.

(b) the Appointment of Affinity Water as a water undertaker so that the Site is excluded from Affinity Water's Water Supply Area.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority



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