

## **Gate 1 queries process**

Strategic solution(s)	Thames to Southern Transfer
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## Query

Please provide details on where the reference to liaison with company Drinking Water Quality teams and DWI can be found in the submission. If it hasn't been included in the submission, please indicate what liaison with company Drinking Water Quality teams and DWI regarding the solution has taken place.

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## **Solution owner response**

The Drinking Water Quality teams from both Thames Water and Southern Water were actively engaged in all water quality aspects of the Gate 1 submission including reviewing the outputs from the water quality assessment. This included collaborative workshops on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 with the water quality consultancy team and Water Quality leads from both Thames Water and Southern Water following the ACWG Water Quality Assessment methodology. This is referenced in the Executive Summary of the Water Quality Report provided in response to Query TST002 on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

The DWI was also actively engaged throughout the Gate 1 process as referenced in paragraph 5.33 and Table 6 of the Gate 1 report. Meetings with the DWI were held throughout Gate 1 to discuss the overall scheme development and to provide updates specific to the water quality assessment. These meetings took place on:

- 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020
- 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## • 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021

A draft of the Water Quality Assessment Report was shared with the DWI on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Comments on this draft report were received from the DWI on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and the final report, incorporating these comments, was shared with the DWI on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

We trust the above information confirms that the water quality teams from Thames Water and Southern Water, as well as the DWI, were actively engaged in the Gate 1 water quality aspects of our submission.

Date of response to RAPID	28/07/2021
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