



HAVANT THICKET WINTER STORAGE RESERVOIR

STAKEHOLDER NEWSBRIEF NO. 1

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Initial Engineering Studies

Following the inclusion of the preliminary work required for the development of Havant Thicket Winter Storage Reservoir in the Company's Ofwat Final Determination, i.e. the 'Business Plan' from 2005-10, the Company has been busily preparing the Brief for the Engineering Studies which are expected to commence in the early summer of 2005.

Tenders will be invited from suitably qualified consultants shortly. The successful tenderer will, in due course, report upon progress with the studies at Stakeholder Group Meetings.

Current Tenancies

The Company's current landholding for the reservoir site was leased to two tenants. The area to the east of the Avenue and adjacent to Durrants Road/Manor Lodge is leased by Arthur Jeram of Kingscroft Farm, Bedhampton. Preliminary discussions have already taken place with Mr Jeram.

The Company has recently terminated the tenancy of the areas to the west of the Avenue, and adjacent to Swanmore Road, Warren Park, as a result of one or two breaches of lease conditions. Unfortunately a number of local youths have taken advantage of the poor security of the site and this has caused considerable disturbance to residents in the Warren Park area. The Company hopes to shortly agree tenancy arrangements with the Staunton Country Park together with improved security of the site which will deter further anti-social activities.

Next Stakeholder Meeting

This is due to be held on Friday, 17th June, probably at the George Staunton Country Park (further details to follow).