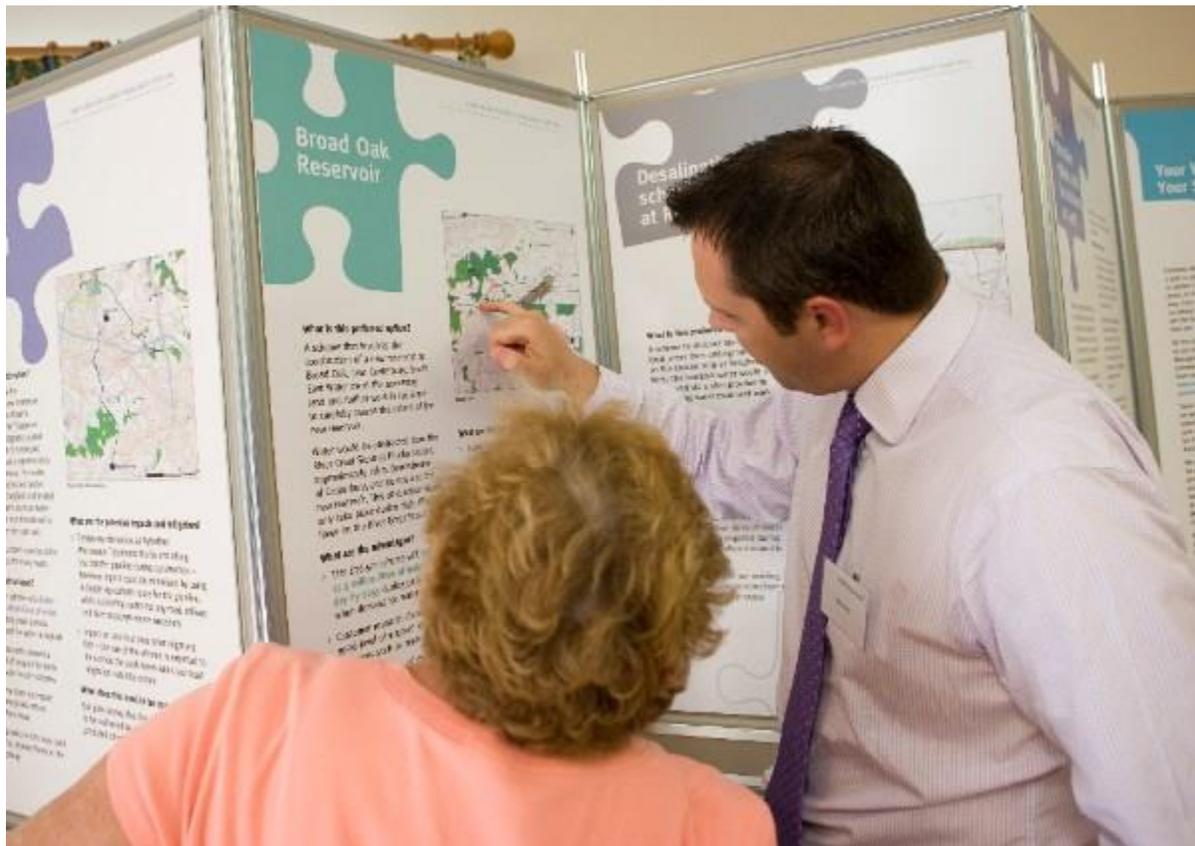


Consultation opens into South East Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan 2020 to 2080



Dear Ms Feltham,

I am writing to inform you that we've just begun our 12 week public consultation seeking feedback on our draft water resources management plan (WRMP). The document outlines how we intend to balance the supply and demand for water for both current and future customers between 2020 and 2080.

We're keen to hear your thoughts on these proposals such as whether you feel the challenges we're looking at are the right ones, whether the options we're putting forward to overcome these challenges are the right ones and whether you think there's more we can do to encourage people to be water efficient?

Normally the WRMP looks 25 years into the future, however because the south east faces a number of unique challenges, including changing weather patterns and considerable population growth, we have taken the decision to look forward 60 years to 2080.

By doing this we can ensure the work we do now lays the best foundation for future generations.

In summary, the draft plan indicates we will need up to 294.2 million litres of additional water every day by 2080 to meet demand.

Since we published our previous plan in 2014 we have:

- Reduced the amount of water lost through leaks, exceeding our target

- Metered 80 per cent of our customers
- Reached more than 22,000 people as part of our award-winning targeted behaviour change campaign

While this work has resulted in demand for tap water reducing by 21 million litres of water a day, more needs to be done if we're to meet the 2080 shortfall.

Our latest plan includes proposals for making what water we already have go further – by continuing to reduce leaks on our pipes and developing water efficiency programmes as well as a number of larger infrastructure projects.

These proposals include:

2020 to 2045

- Building a new water treatment works at the former Aylesford Newsprint site, Kent by 2023
- Upgrading existing water treatment works at Ford WTW in east Kent by 2027
- Developing a water re-use scheme at Peacehaven, East Sussex by 2028
- Building a new reservoir next to our existing Arlington Reservoir, East Sussex by 2032
- Creating a new reservoir in Broad Oak, Kent by 2033
- A water re-use scheme at Aylesford, Kent by 2038
- Developing a regional water transfer scheme from SES Water

Long term considerations between 2045 and 2080:

- Desalination near Bexhill, Reculver and the River Medway
- Water re-use on the River Stour, east Kent
- A new reservoir in West Sussex
- New raw water abstraction and treatment works from the River Thames near Maidenhead, Berkshire
- Regional water transfers from Portsmouth and Thames Water
- New ground water resource near Farnborough, Hampshire

You can view these proposals in detail, download all the documentation, register your comments and find out where our public exhibitions are being held by visiting:

southeastwater.co.uk/yourwateryoursay

If you wish to find out more about South East Water's future water plans, then please do not hesitate to contact our team using the email address wre@southeastwater.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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