

Item 6 – Public Question Received under Standing Order 27.5

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1	Mrs Buckley	Councillor Lloyd	<p>On 31st January 2023 in a response to my question asking if Portsmouth Water customers in Havant would receive the recycled water I received and shared with you the following reply from Bob Taylor, Chief Executive Portsmouth Water:</p> <p>'If the recycling project is approved the mixed water will be supplied to two outlets. One of these used on a more routine basis, sends water to use at Farlington water treatment works for further treatment and to supply our Portsmouth Water customers. The other supply will in times drought deliver a supply to Southern Waters Otterbourne Treatment Works.</p> <p>At the Overview and Scrutiny presentation on 5th July 2023 when questioned about Havant residents receiving this recycled water 5 per cent of the time was mentioned by Bob Taylor. 5 percent equates to using the reservoir for Portsmouth Water's customers including Havant for approximately 18 days in a year.</p> <p>At the same meeting Portsmouth Water's Slide 18 indicated 'our customers will only receive some recycled water mixed with spring water in draught or emergency scenarios' and that Portsmouth Water customers will almost always receive water from Bedhampton Springs.</p> <p>These three descriptions are very different.</p> <p>Are you concerned that conflicting responses are being given by Portsmouth Water's Chief Executive?</p>

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2	Mrs Buckley	Councillor Lloyd	<p>The water company information keeps changing in relation to the proposed effluent recycling. Initially Southern Water said that they would need to treat and pump 5 MI/d of recycled effluent up to the reservoir every day of the year. That was 2 Olympic sized swimming pools, then it increased to 3, now in the latest information presented by Portsmouth Water they say that 8 Olympic sized pools of water (20MI/d) of effluent will be treated and pumped to the reservoir, even though the recycled water is only needed as a drought resource.</p> <p>Just imagine all the energy that is required every day to treat and pump the recycled effluent, the carbon footprint will be enormous.</p> <p>Would you agree with me that this is not sustainable solution and that we must press Southern Water to undertake a more robust review of the alternatives, in conjunction with the regulators, to identify more sustainable and better value solutions to meet and identify short and medium term water shortfall in a drought?</p>
3	Mrs Buckley	Councillor Lloyd	<p>Having listened to the water companies would you and other key councillors be prepared to meet with representatives of local groups who are concerned about effluent recycling to give them the opportunity to voice their concerns?</p>