
Gate two query process

Strategic solution(s)	Severn Thames Sources
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Query

Planning route:

1. You are proposing to include the STS SRO in the Severn Thames Transfer (STT) DCO as associated development. Annex G1 helpfully explains the principles that the Secretary of State takes into account in making a decision on whether something can be included as associated development, this includes that "Associated development should not be an aim in itself but should be subordinate to the principal development", and the assessment in the Annex G1 assumes STS is only required to supply the STT.

However, the main submission document mentions the potential for STS to be used to provide a supply to West Country Water Resources and Water Resources South East when not required for the STT. Based on your current understanding, could wider use of STS when not required by STT impact the ability for it to be included as associated development in STT's DCO.

Solution owner response

Support to the STT is the primary function of the proposed STS asset, and therefore we remain confident that it will be accepted as associated development to the STT DCO. However, as noted in your query there is a potential opportunity for STS to be used to supply others when not needed by STT. Our intention is to make this potential alternative use of the STS assets clear in associated development application. We will also include any assets required by the alternative uses if we are able to at that time. Alternatively, if this is not possible we will reference the potential benefits to any other users. This approach advocates the potential ability to make best use of the assets for supporting resource challenges elsewhere when not required by STT. This may increase the utilisation of the assets, resulting in costs benefits.

If this approach is not possible, or has a detrimental effect on the STT application, we will remove this element from the associated development application. However, we believe this is unlikely. If this is case, we will explore other options for the consent of alternative uses.

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