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Date: 24 March 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

We need more information about your application

Application references: 200126 – 200124 - 003174 - 201965

Operator: [Redacted]

Facilities: Maer Lane Wastewater Treatment Works, Maer Lane, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 5DB (003174)

Maer Lane Storm Tanks, Maer Lane, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 5DB (201965)

Phear Park Pumping Station, Withycombe Road, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 1TQ (200124)

Maer Road Pumping Station SPST, Maer Road, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 2DB (200126)

Thank you for the latest submission of supporting information on 13th February 2026 and 20th March 2026 that was requested during our regular SWW liaison meeting on 11th February 2026. We have reviewed all of the information that South West Water Limited have provided to date, and the following information is required.

1) Please provide a marine impact assessment on all designated waters within the vicinity of the discharge point.

The Exmouth SW_ND Technical Report June 2022 considers the combined effects of the settled storm overflow (SSO) and the final effluent from Exmouth WwTW on nearby bathing waters, however, equivalent assessments have not been completed for the shellfish waters. The submitted report only assesses the impact of the final effluent being discharged at the maximum flow to full treatment (FFT) on Sandy Bay SFW and does not assess the combined effects of the SSO and maximum FFT. No assessment has been provided for either SSO or maximum FFT impact on Lyme Bay SFW.

As the new outfall is within Sandy Bay SFW and is in close proximity to Lyme Bay SFW, the combined impacts on E. coli must be assessed.

*SWW previously stated (including in the 09/01/2026 RFI response) that the 2022 SW_ND technical report showed no deterioration from the new outfall location, however the Exmouth Sea Outfall Water Framework Directive Assessment November 2025 report indicates **a medium risk of short-term adverse impacts under certain tidal and weather conditions to both Lyme Bay and Sandy Bay SFW due to increased discharge volumes and contaminant loads.** The mitigation included in the report relies on AMP8 measures to reduce spills to an average of 10 per year which SWW propose to deliver by March 2028.*

The response must therefore include a full assessment of the combined potential impacts of the maximum FFT and SSO from the new outfall on both Sandy Bay and Lyme Bay SFW, supported by modelling to show whether there is potential deterioration in water quality.

Please send the information, quoting the above application reference, **by Tuesday 31st March 2026.**

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If we do not receive this by this deadline we will return your application.

If we receive what is missing by the deadline, we will continue to check your application. We'll check to see if there's enough information for the application to be 'duly made'. Duly made means that we have all the information we need to begin determination. Determination is where we assess your application and decide if we can allow what you've asked for.

We'll let you know by email whether your application can be duly made. If it can't be duly made, we'll return your application to you. Please note that duly making an application does not infer that the application will be granted.

If you have any questions please email me on [REDACTED]

