



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Ian McAulay
Chief Executive
Southern Water
Southern House
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Dear Ian,

Last November Southern Water announced a plan to invest £2.9 million to build a new 'round the town' sewer, along with two new pumping stations, to ensure the Paddock Wood sewerage system is well placed to handle the huge increases in demand that will be placed on it from new developments in the coming years.

This announcement was welcomed by myself, Paddock Wood Town Council and my constituents in the area. It had been planned that Southern Water would present its proposal to the public at a meeting on 1 April before lockdown made this unfeasible.

The schedule Southern Water has set out for delivering the scheme was for design, consultation and surveys to take place this summer, before groundwork begins in the autumn and completion in summer 2021.

Despite the impact lockdown has had on many businesses, I do not believe that it will justify any significant delay to this scheme. Designs can still be drawn up, surveys undertaken and discussion held with those who own the land the pipe will traverse. Construction and infrastructure has been allowed to continue for the duration of lockdown and will continue unhindered.

I am therefore seeking your assurance that this project will remain on schedule and will be completed by next summer.

With best wishes