

**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2017 (as amended)
'SCREENING OPINION'**

PROPOSAL: Screening Opinion under Regulation 6(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) relating to a 16.6km below ground water pipeline from the Oldbury Distribution Service Reservoir to the Meriden Distribution Service Reservoir.

AT: Oldbury Distribution Service Reservoir to the Meriden Distribution Service Reservoir.

LPA REF. NO.: 227412

DATE OF RECEIPT: 25th July 2025

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1. Is the development listed in Schedule 1? NO
2. Is the development listed in Schedule 2? YES
10 – Infrastructure Projects (L)
3. Is it in a 'sensitive area'? NO
4. Has an extension of time been agreed with the applicant? NO
5. Does the development meet any of the relevant thresholds and/or criteria in Column 2 of Schedule 2?

YES

If yes, which threshold or criteria does it meet?

10(L)

Installations of long-distance aqueducts

(i)

The area of the works exceeds 1 hectare; or,

6. Taking account of the selection criteria in Schedule 3, is the proposal likely to have significant effects on the Environment? **N.B.** In all cases where the development is 'Schedule 2 Development' (i.e. described in Column 1 and meets the thresholds and/or criteria in Column 2 of Schedule 2) a Screening Opinion should be produced in addition to the completion of this form, justifying the opinion.

NO

Screening opinion and justification (where applicable):

Whilst the scheme relates to the installation of a long-distance aqueduct with an area of works exceeding 1 hectare, it is recognised that such development will only require the submission of an Environmental Statement (ES) if the development is likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, characteristics, size or location of the development, or its impacts.

Based upon the information submitted and having regard to the characteristics of development, location of development and types and characteristics of the potential impact; Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, as Local Planning Authority, has determined that the environmental impacts are unlikely to be significant or would give rise to any effects of an unusually complex nature as to constitute 'EIA development' as defined in the Regulations. Accordingly, an EIA would therefore not be required.

7. Conclusion

In my view, the proposed development is not an EIA development under the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Signed: Rebekah Guise

Date: 13.08.2025

Principal Planning Officer

The following documents have been reviewed to assist in this decision:

0001 Mine Entry Appraisal and CMRA v2.0_Ver1
10408.01.001 Oldbury to Meriden (O2M) Pipeline - Arboricultural Technical Note (Version 3.0, March 25) (1)
10408.002 Preliminary Ecological Assessment - O2M Section 1
10408.004 NVC Survey Report - O2M Birchley Hays Wood
10408.007 Preliminary Ecological Assessment - O2M Section 2, 3 and 4 V2.0
10408.010 Ecological Technical Note - O2M V5.0
293850 Technical note
293850_Oldbury to Meriden Trunk Main_ADBA
A8W14240-STW-XX-XX-D-C-0002
A8W14240-STW-XX-XX-D-EN-0601
A8W14240-STW-XX-XX-D-EN-0602
A8W14240-STW-XX-XX-D-EN-0603
A8W14240-STW-XX-XX-D-EN-0604
A8W14240-STW-XX-XX-D-EN-0605
A8W14240-STW-XX-XX-D-EN-0606
A8W14240-STW-XX-XX-D-EN-0607
A8W14240-STW-XX-XX-D-EN-0608
A8W14240-STW-XX-XX-D-EN-0609
A8W14240-STW-XX-XX-D-EN-0610
A8W14240-TEP-13098-XX-RP-EN-0006
A8W14240-TEP-13098-XX-RP-EN-0007
A8W14240-WSA-XX-XX-RP-EN-0001
D10408.01.001-035 O2M Pipeline - Drawing Set 1 - Tree Constraints Plans (Rev D, June 2025) (1)
D10408.01.100 O2M Pipeline - Coleshill Road Crossing Tree Works Plan (Rev B, March 25)
EIA Screening Opinion Request - Oldbury to Meriden FINAL
Oldbury to Meriden CMRA Technical Note_E
Oldbury to Meriden LoGS Technical Note_D
WM to Josh Jones Severn-Trent - 5th August 2024
X10408.01.001 O2M Pipeline - Appendix A - Arboricultural Data Sheets (Rev C, February 2025) (1)