Moving Flows out of the River Mease Catchment 2027

Severn Trent Water Limited, Environment Agency and Natural England remain fully committed to the proposal to transfer effluents from Packington and Measham sewage works out of the river Mease catchment.

This course of action is still considered an essential component of an overall strategy to deliver water quality objectives for the River Mease Special Area of Conservation. However there is currently insufficient understanding regarding the impact of the proposed transfers on downstream river flow targets.

As a consequence the Environment Agency has agreed with Severn Trent Water Limited that the proposed scheme to transfer effluents will remain within the Water Industry National Environment Programme 2020-2025 (a schedule of environmental enhancement obligations, drawn up by the Environment Agency and signed off by the Secretary of State at Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), but the delivery date for any appropriate scheme is to be extended to 2027 to allow time for an investigation to take place.

This investigation will quantify the impact of the planned transfers on river flow and identify appropriate mitigation measures. The scope of this investigation is currently being planned through a collaboration between Severn Trent Water Limited, Environment Agency and Natural England.

All parties remain committed to working together to progress the development of an appropriate scheme to be delivered no later than 2027.

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