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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the ability of Portsmouth Water to provide water to support the long term growth of housing in Hampshire.

We have a statutory responsibility to have in place a Water Resource Management Plan (WSMP) that demonstrates our ability to provide water to sustain development over the next 25 years. This plan is based upon various council's local framework plans and regional population forecasts and include proposed development such as Welbourne.

The plan considers both the supply and demand side options including such issues as abstraction reform, water efficiency and water availability. Our next plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State in July 2017 and will go to public consultation shortly afterwards. The plan is updated every 5 years. An integral part of the WRMP is the Drought Plan, which sets out how we will deal with single, double and treble dry winters.

Our ability to withstand droughts is well proven and two successive dry winters do not give rise for concerns. Both our Water Resource Plan and Drought Plan may be found using this link <https://www.portsmouthwater.co.uk/news/publications/water-resources-planning/> and sets out in detail how we will meet water demands and shortages.

I trust I have been able to reassure you that the statutory responsibility placed upon us in terms of planning to meet future population growth satisfactorily demonstrates we are able to meet long term demands for water.

Yours sincerely



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Engineering Director