

Compton Parish Council – Objection to Application 25/02791/COND  
**Condition 30 – Foul Water Network Capacity and 31 - Water Networks**  
**Institute For Animal Health, High Street, Compton**

Compton Parish Council wishes to provide the following new and ongoing operational evidence to assist in the determination of this application.

### **1. Ongoing tankering at Aldworth Road Pumping Station 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

The Parish Council has recorded an ongoing tankering operation at the Aldworth Road pumping station. This activity began on or before 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and is continuing as of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

- 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Photographs show tankers in operation at the pumping station, with barriers in place and visible surcharge residue on the carriageway.
- 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Further photographs show two tankers still on site, confirming that the intervention has not concluded and the network remains under active management.

These images demonstrate that the foul water network is **currently unable to cope with existing flows** and requires continuous mitigation to prevent surcharging. Copies of the photographs are provided in Appendix 1.

### **2. Thames Water’s response to application 26/00261/RESMAJ**

Thames Water’s consultation response to the new Reserved Matters application for the same site states that:

- the **existing sewage treatment works cannot accommodate the development**, and
- **upgrades will be required before any occupation can take place**, or a phasing plan must be agreed upon.

This directly contrasts with Thames Water’s position on the current condition discharge application, where they state that the foul water condition “can be discharged”.

The new response reflects the operational reality evidenced by the ongoing tankering and is consistent with Thames Water's earlier advice (2020 and 2022) that upgrades are required to avoid sewage flooding and pollution incidents.

A copy of Thames Water's consultation response to application 26/00261/RESMAJ is submitted separately alongside this representation.

### **3. Implications for this application**

Given:

- the ongoing need for tankering,
- the absence of any completed upgrade works, and
- Thames Water's own confirmation in the new application that the existing infrastructure cannot accommodate the development,

the Parish Council considers that the conditions cannot be safely or reasonably discharged at this time.

## Appendix 1 – Photographic Evidence



*Figure 1: Tanker operating at Aldworth Road pumping station, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026*



*Figure 2: Evidence of sewer surcharging on Aldworth Road, adjacent to the Pumping Station, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026*



*Figure 3: Evidence of surcharge residue on Aldworth Road adjacent to the pumping station, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026.*



Figure 4: Two tankers stationed at Aldworth Road pumping station during ongoing network management, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026.