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**GARD Steps to take after this meeting:** Please respond to both the WRSE consultation (closes Mon 20 Feb) and the Thames Water WRMP consultation (closes Tues 21 March).

**WRSE response:** Register at [wrse.uk/engagementhq.com/our-consultation](https://wrse.uk/engagementhq.com/our-consultation) and complete the consultation. If you completed the response to the 'Emerging Plan' in March 2022 you should already be registered and have a password. You can see the draft Plan at [https://www.wrse.org.uk/media/va1bz21z/10306a\\_wrse-bv-plan-2022final\\_online.pdf](https://www.wrse.org.uk/media/va1bz21z/10306a_wrse-bv-plan-2022final_online.pdf) A pdf with points to help you is available on the GARD website ([www.gard-oxon.org.uk](http://www.gard-oxon.org.uk)) from the end of January.

**If you prefer not to register, wanting to express your view more freely,** please email your response direct to [contact@wrse.org.uk](mailto:contact@wrse.org.uk) noting:

- You oppose the WRSE plan as not fit for purpose
- You believe the environmental, carbon and financial cost of the reservoir is unacceptable
- The plan is not adaptive or transparent
- Calculations such as population increase and sustainability reductions are not credible, being far too high.

**Once your response / email is completed,** please email your MP and local councillors to tell them you oppose the reservoir and want them to oppose it too. Contact details for your area are printed on the back of this leaflet. Please cc: [gard.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:gard.secretary@gmail.com) and [gard.chair@gmail.com](mailto:gard.chair@gmail.com)

**Thames Water WRMP response:** the link is: <https://thames-wrmp.co.uk/> and you can see the draft Plan at <https://thames-wrmp.co.uk/hearing-your-views/document-library/> A pdf with points to help you will be available on the GARD website ([www.gard-oxon.org.uk](http://www.gard-oxon.org.uk)) in early February.

**If you prefer not to register, wanting to express your view more freely,** please email your response direct to [consultations@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:consultations@thameswater.co.uk) noting:

- You oppose the reservoir proposal in the Thames Water WRMP plan
- You believe the environmental, carbon and financial cost of the reservoir is unacceptable
- The plan is not adaptive or transparent
- Calculations such as population increase and sustainability reductions are not credible, being far too high.

**Once your response / email is completed,** please email your response to your MP and local councillors to tell them you oppose the reservoir and want them to oppose it too.

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Environment Agency: [Water-Company-Plan@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Water-Company-Plan@environment-agency.gov.uk)

Please cc: [gard.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:gard.secretary@gmail.com) and [gard.chair@gmail.com](mailto:gard.chair@gmail.com)

**More info:** [www.gard-oxon.org.uk](http://www.gard-oxon.org.uk) and Facebook [engb.facebook.com/abingdonreservoir](https://engb.facebook.com/abingdonreservoir)

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You can make your opinion known to:

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To join GARD and help fight Thames Water's plans, contact [gard.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:gard.secretary@gmail.com)