

SAVE OUR LANDS AND RIVER

Your invitation to endorse the community Shared Statement of Opposition to Thames Water's Teddington Direct River Abstraction scheme

The Save Our Lands and River (SOLAR) community campaign has been engaged with Thames Water since May 2023 to represent community opposition to Thames Water's proposed Teddington Direct River Abstraction (TDRA).

The TDRA scheme is proposed to take water from the river Thames in summer drought conditions for transfer to reservoirs in East London. It would then replace that abstracted water with treated effluent piped underground from Isleworth, under Twickenham and Ham, into the river upstream of Teddington weir. That treated effluent would run into the River Thames all year round.

SOLAR's position is that affected communities — all Thames Water customers — genuinely believe there are more environmentally and socially acceptable ways to meet water supply requirements.

Despite Thames Water's assurances that they wish to engage with communities, the company has repeatedly failed to adequately inform or consult on their proposals.

Why we need your group to join the campaign

To bring together the views of local organisations, community groups, environmental groups, resident groups and recreational groups, SOLAR wrote and shared a Statement of Opposition.

As of February 2024, over 60 local organisations have considered the Shared Statement and endorsed it, with their organisations' names being added to the list on the SOLAR website. Our goal is to reach 250 organisations by summer 2024.

The list is regularly shared with the government organisations charged with reviewing Thames Water's business plan for funding further development of the TDRA proposal.

To see the statement and the local groups who have already joined, go here:

<https://saveourlandsandriver.org.uk/about-the-stop-tdra-campaign#organisations>

We would like to invite your group to join us. Having your group added to the list increases the effective pressure for the withdrawal of the TDRA scheme.

Thank you,

From the Save Our Lands and River community campaign

How to add your group's name to our Shared Statement of Opposition:

Email the SOLAR campaign at info@saveourlandsandriver.org.uk with your name, group name, and your authority to endorse. It must be agreed by whomever is in authority in your group.

OR

Complete the form on this page, linked from the About the Campaign page of the campaign website:

<https://saveourlandsandriver.org.uk/add-your-group-to-our-shared-statement-of-opposition-today>