

Our commitment to public value

At Affinity Water, we are driven by our purpose of providing high-quality water and taking care of our communities' environment – now and for the future.

We are privileged to provide an essential public service and the opportunities that brings, to create value for the areas we supply, to help improve the environment, support the local economy, invest in our communities and adapt to the challenges that climate change is bringing to our region.

Investing in new infrastructure to help conserve chalk-stream habitats

We're investing around £14 million as part of our programme to meet demand by increasing the supply of water from alternative sources so we can reduce the amount we abstract from chalk groundwater. This project will enable us to do this by bringing water down through existing pipes from Anglian Water's Grafham Water reservoir, near Huntingdon, adding to the supply we already import from there.

Each area's water is different chemically (even though both are safe and meet all relevant standards), so we'll condition the imported water at our new Sundon plant to make it compatible with

our pipes. The existing Sundon site already has a great deal of the infrastructure we need, making good use of existing assets, and we will complete the new conditioning plant during 2023/24, allowing us to reduce local groundwater abstraction by December 2024.

Projects like this are critical to keeping more water in the environment to protect our chalk-stream habitats, which are home to an abundance of species such as water crowfoot, flag iris, mayfly, brown trout, kingfisher, otters and the nationally endangered water vole.

£14m

Investment in a new conditioning facility to allow us to reduce the amount we take from chalk groundwater

UNSDGs

Our alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals

