



Adaptable Planning

- **Due to the considerable uncertainty over the future water requirement, the regulator directed the water companies to create an ‘adaptable plan’ that can respond to changes in demand**
- **The way to do this is to have a shortlist of small or medium schemes that can be built quickly, scaled up or down or moved forwards or backwards in time**
- **This doesn’t suit Thames Water, who want to build a reservoir to sell water to other companies. They have decided that they will build the reservoir, the biggest project, at the very start of the process.**
- **The reservoir takes 15 years to finish design, build and fill. So Thames Water’s plan doesn’t have any ‘adaptability’ before 2040. Not what was asked for**