

## **FOI request for Marlow, Bell and Boulter's Weir HEP schemes: Our Ref WT/ 8892**

### **1. How were the weirs selected as suitable for Hydropower?**

A high level screening process was undertaken to identify suitable weirs along the River Thames. The screening looks at the environmental conditions (Flow, level and local environmental designations) but does not consider flood risk at this stage. Flood risk is considered during licensing and planning approvals when the developer is required to demonstrate there is no increased flood risk via a flood risk assessment. See the Expression of Interest (Eol) documents for more details.

### **2. How were the developers selected and which companies applied?**

Developers were selected through the Eol process based on each developers proposal once scored against the assessment criteria. See the Expression of Interest (Eol) documents for details.

### **3. A list of companies that submitted proposals is included below.**

Developers that submitted proposals under the Eol process
British Gas Renewables First
Galliford Try
Hallidays
Ham Hydro CIC
Hydrodynamic Developments
London Borough of Richmond
Southeast Power Engineering Ltd
Thames Renewables
HP Projects Ltd

### **4. Details of the due diligence process that was performed.**

Developers were selected through the Eol process. The details requested of each applicant included a range of questions to explore their suitability. See the Expression of Interest (Eol) documents for details.

### **5. Details of the guarantees that will be put in place.**

As part of the legal process the developer must sign a Lease Agreement with the Environment Agency. The lease includes specific clauses that considers what will happen if the developer defaults on the lease agreement. It further considers an arrangement such as a bond or other guarantee such that our asset is returned to the original state at the end of the hydropower scheme's life.