

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **ISLAND RIVERS CATCHMENT PROJECT FUND**

#### *AMP8 Headline Funding Priorities (2026–2027)*

The Island Rivers Catchment Project Fund supports delivery of Southern Water’s AMP8 Water Industry National Environment Programme actions for the Isle of Wight.

All applications will be assessed on their alignment with one or more of the WINEP driver priorities listed below and their value for money.

Full technical details of AMP8 drivers and site lists are available in Southern Water’s Isle of Wight WINEP Breakdown document:

<https://islandrivers.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/WINEP-BREAKDOWN-2025-IOW.pdf>

#### **1. Protecting Drinking Water Sources**

*WINEP Driver: DrWPA\_ND*

Supporting catchment measures that prevent deterioration in Drinking Water Protected Areas, particularly within the Eastern Yar catchment supplying Sandown Water Supply Works.

Eligible themes may include:

- Soil health and erosion reduction
- Sediment and turbidity control
- Nutrient source reduction
- Collaborative land management interventions

#### **2. Reducing Storm Overflow Impacts**

*WINEP Drivers: EnvAct\_IMP2, EnvAct\_IMP3, EnvAct\_INV4, U\_MON3, U\_MON4*

Supporting actions that reduce the frequency or ecological impact of storm overflow discharges, or improve monitoring and understanding of storm events.

Eligible themes may include:

- Sustainable Drainage Systems and surface water separation
- Nature based attenuation and wetland solutions
- Local catchment storage or flow reduction measures
- Community rainwater management schemes
- Monitoring or citizen science aligned to overflow investigations

#### **3. Improving Water Quality and Achieving Good Ecological Status**

*WINEP Drivers: WFD\_INV, WFDGW\_NDINV*

Supporting actions that help prevent deterioration or improve Water Framework Directive status in rivers, groundwater and associated waterbodies.

Eligible themes may include:

- Nutrient reduction initiatives

- Sediment management
- Investigations informing future improvement schemes
- Groundwater risk mitigation and source protection

#### **4. Nutrient Reduction to Protect European Sites**

*WINEP Drivers: HD\_IMP\_NN, HD\_INV*

Supporting actions that contribute to reducing total nitrogen and/or phosphorus to protect Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas.

Eligible themes may include:

- Nutrient mitigation schemes
- Catchment phosphorus reduction
- Nitrogen source control
- Evidence gathering to support permit amendments

#### **5. Protecting Designated Marine and Estuarine Sites**

*WINEP Drivers: MCZ\_INV, SSSI\_INV*

Supporting projects that reduce pressures affecting Marine Conservation Zones and Sites of Special Scientific Interest, including estuarine and coastal habitats.

Eligible themes may include:

- Sediment and runoff reduction
- Habitat enhancement linked to water quality
- Investigative or feasibility work supporting site condition recovery

#### **6. Invasive Non-Native Species Management**

*WINEP Driver: INNS\_IMP*

Supporting targeted control, trials or partnership approaches to reduce the ecological impact of INNS where they are contributing to failure of conservation objectives or good ecological status.

#### **7. Integrated Catchment Strategy and Partnership Delivery**

*WINEP Driver: 25YEP\_INV*

Supporting collaborative, multi partner catchment projects that deliver wider natural capital, resilience and social value outcomes aligned with AMP8 objectives.

Priority will be given to projects detailed in the Island Rivers Priority Project Pipeline and those demonstrating support for the drivers detailed above.