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WRMP24 Technical Document
**Ruthamford South
Water Resource
Zone summary**

September 2024



1. Introduction

About our company

Anglian Water is the largest water and wastewater company in England and Wales geographically, covering 20% of the land area. We operate in the East of England, the driest region in the UK, receiving two-thirds of the national average rainfall each year; that's approximately 600mm. Our region has over 3,300km of rivers and is home to the UK's only wetland national park, the Norfolk Broads. Between 2011 and 2021, our region experienced the highest population increase in England. Despite this, we are still putting less water into our network than we did in 1989.

Planning for the long term

Our company Purpose is ***“to bring environmental and social prosperity to the region we serve through our commitment to Love Every Drop”***.

This purpose is at the heart of our business, having been enshrined in our Articles of Association in 2019. Central to delivering this purpose is planning for the long term; one of the strategic planning frameworks we use to achieve this is the Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP), which details how we will ensure resilient water supplies to our customers over the next 25 years. A WRMP looks for low regret investments for our region, giving flexibility to adapt to future challenges and opportunities such as technological advances, climate change, demand variations, and abstraction reductions.

What is a Water Resources Management Plan

We produce a WRMP every five years. It is a statutory document that sets out how a sustainable and secure supply of clean drinking water will be maintained for our customers. Crucially it takes a long-term view over 25 years, allowing us to plan an affordable, sustainable pathway that provides benefit to our customers, society and the environment.

Our previous WRMP, WRMP19, had an ambitious twin track strategy, combining an industry leading smart meter roll out and leakage ambition with a strategic pipeline across our region, bringing water from areas of surplus to areas of deficit.

This WRMP focusses on the period 2025 to 2050, and is known as WRMP24. We have developed it by following the Water Resources Planning Guideline (WRPG), as well as other relevant guidance, in order to meet statutory requirements.

Developing our WRMP

Our WRMP24 has been progressed following processes detailed in the WRPG. We start by determining the extent of the challenges we face between 2025 and 2050.

We achieve this by developing forecasts to establish the amount of water available to use (supply forecast) and the amount of water needed (demand forecast) in our region.

When these forecasts are combined, a baseline supply-demand balance is created. This tells us whether we have a surplus of water or a deficit, establishing our water needs for the planning period. An appraisal for both demand management options and supply-side options is undertaken.

We environmentally assess both demand management and supply-side options so we can understand their potential environmental impacts and what could be put in place to mitigate these.

The next step is for the water savings associated with the chosen demand management options to be added into our baseline supply-demand balance to determine if our region's water needs are met. If the demand management options savings do not solve the need, supply-side options are added into the modelling process and solution development.

Best value plan

To ensure we develop the right solution for our region's water needs, we have focused on 'best value'. To us, best value is looking beyond cost and seeking to deliver a benefit to customers and society, as well as the environment, whilst listening and acting on the views of our customers and stakeholders.

Our WRMP24

Our best value plan, the WRMP24, has been produced following a public consultation on our draft WRMP24. This consultation ran from December 2022 to March 2023.

Strategic context of WRMP24

Our WRMP24 aligns with our Purpose, as well as internal and external strategic plans and initiatives. We have worked collaboratively with internal and external stakeholders, regulators and other water abstractors to achieve this.

Guide to our WRMP24 submission

Our final submission comprises a non-technical customer and stakeholder summary, our main report and nine technical supporting documents and non-technical supporting documents.

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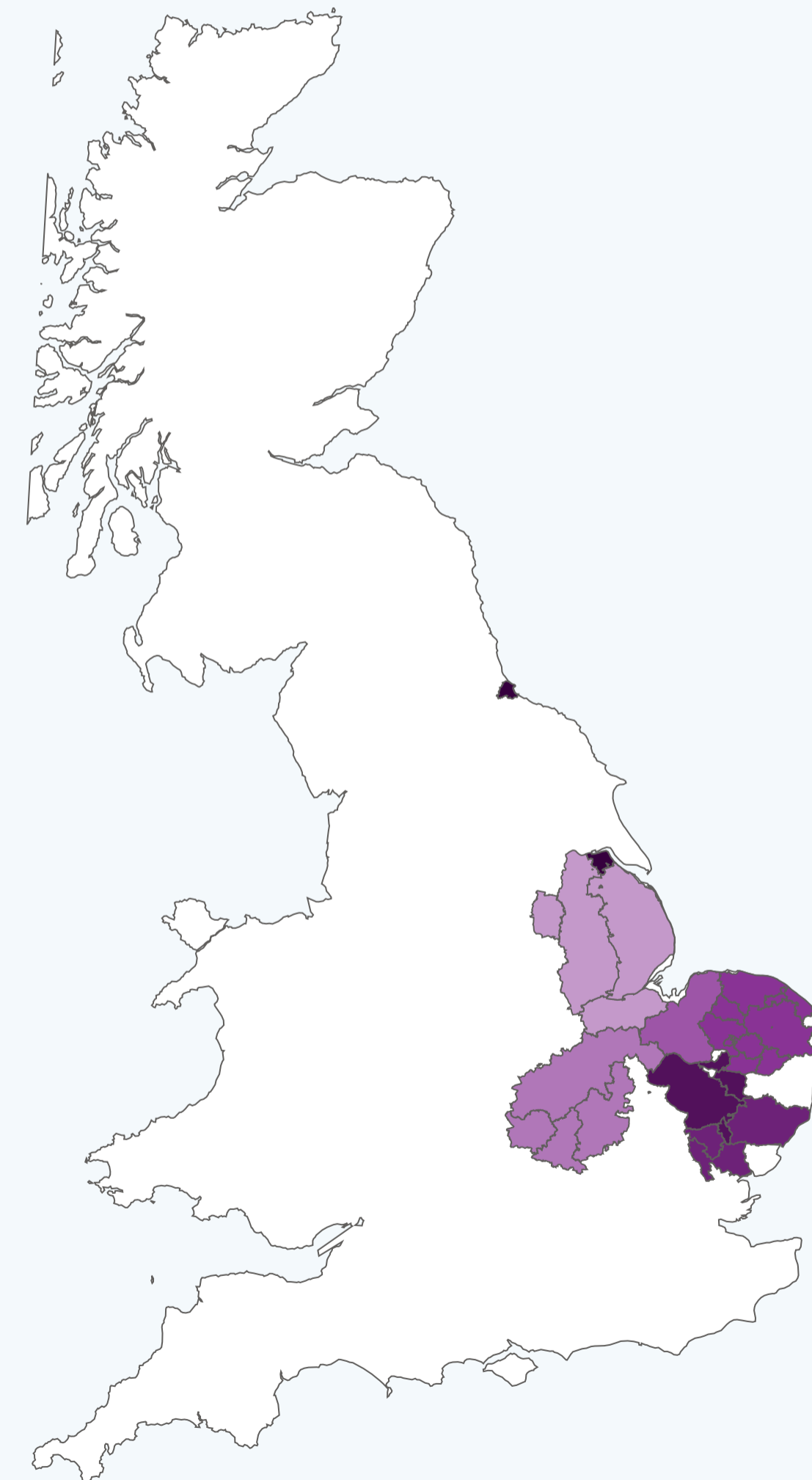


This report is concerned with the WRMP24 water resource zone summaries non-technical supporting document. The report summarises key supply and demand data for the 27 Water Resource Zones (WRZs) characterised in the WRMP24.

These WRZs have been grouped by region according to our problem characterisation analysis.

Resource Zone	Area
Suffolk Ixworth	Cambridgshire & West Suffolk
Suffolk Sudbury	Cambridgshire & West Suffolk
Suffolk Thetford	Cambridgshire & West Suffolk
Suffolk West & Cambs	Cambridgshire & West Suffolk
Essex Central	East Suffolk & Essex
Essex South	East Suffolk & Essex
Suffolk East	East Suffolk & Essex
Fenland	Fenland
Hartlepool	Hartlepool
Lincolnshire Bourne	Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire
Lincolnshire Central	Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire
Lincolnshire East	Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire
Lincolnshire Retford and Gainsborough	Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire
Norfolk Aylsham	Norfolk
Norfolk Bradenham	Norfolk
Norfolk East Dereham	Norfolk
Norfolk East Harling	Norfolk
Norfolk Happisburgh	Norfolk
Norfolk Harleston	Norfolk
Norfolk North Coast	Norfolk
Norfolk Norwich & the Broads	Norfolk
Norfolk Wymondham	Norfolk
Ruthamford Central	Ruthamford
Ruthamford North	Ruthamford
Ruthamford South	Ruthamford
Ruthamford West	Ruthamford

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2. Strategic Overview

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Strategic risk and issues

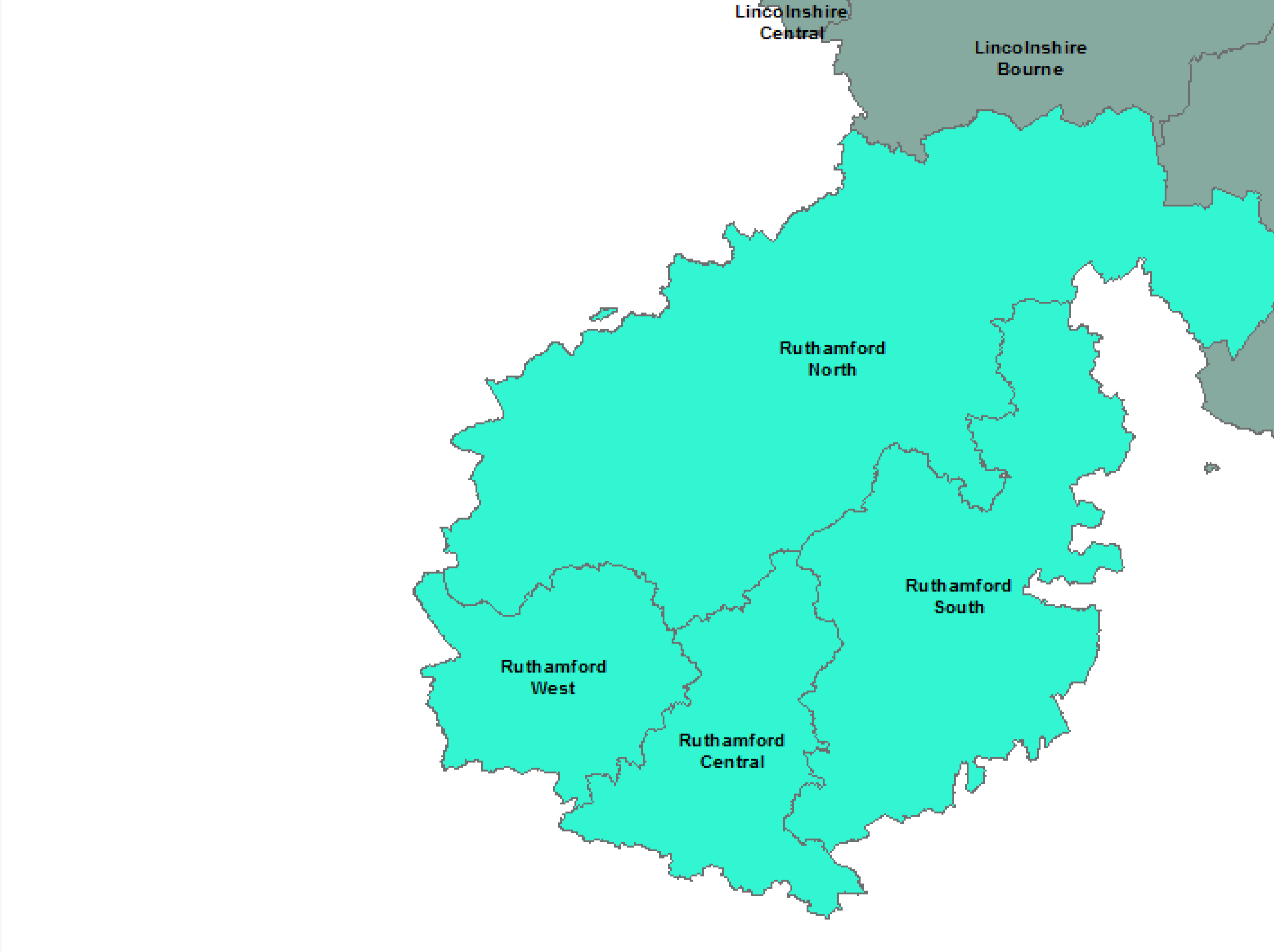
Ruthamford experiences significant pressures.

- The area is vulnerable to baseline growth and growth associated with Oxford-Cambridge Arc, Climate Change and extreme drought.
- In addition, there is potential for sustainability reductions in the Cam & Ely Ouse to significantly increase baseline scenario deficits in Environmental Destination scenarios.

Ruthamford is our most complex supply system, and we have refined our understanding of DO and conjunctive dependencies.

There is also complexity associated with peak demand.

Figure 1 Problem Characterisation Area



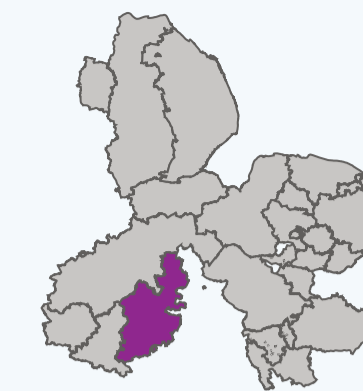
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Cambridgeshire & West Suffolk	Fenland	Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire	Ruthamford
East Suffolk & Essex	Hartlepool	Norfolk	

3. Deployable Output summary

DYAA

Ruthamford South



Resource Zone geography: Ruthamford South:

The Ruthamford South WRZ covers an area of 1419 sq. km and is based on the supply systems for Bedford and Huntingdon. This zone is supplied from surface water, with a direct abstraction on the River Great Ouse going to Grafham Water reservoir. There is also a small groundwater contribution from the abstraction in the Woburn Sands aquifer.

Baseline deployable output (including 1:500 drought): *251.8 MI/d*

Deployable output reductions

Restoring sustainable abstraction (recent actual average): *-8.6 MI/d*

Reductions to achieve environmental destination (BAU+): *-1.7 MI/d* by 2036.

Climate change: *-16.2 MI/d* by 2050.

Baseline deployable output reduces by a total of *-26.5 MI/d* by 2050 a reduction of 10.5%.

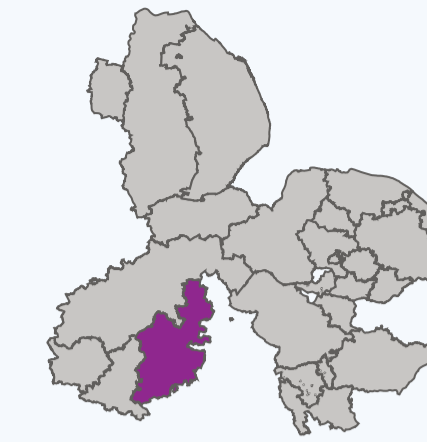
Table 3: supply characteristics (all values are MI/d)

	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
DO pre forecast changes	251.8	251.8	251.8	251.8	251.8
Change in DO due to climate change	-10.7	-12.1	-13.5	-14.8	-16.2
DO reductions to restore sustainable abstraction	-4.6	-8.6	-8.6	-8.6	-8.6
DO reductions for Environmental Destination	0.0	0.0	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7
Change in DO from drought measures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Final DO	236.4	231.1	228.0	226.7	225.3
Raw water losses (-ve)	-20.5	-20.5	-20.5	-20.5	-20.5
Outage Allowance (-ve)	-7.6	-7.6	-7.4	-7.4	-7.4
WAFU (own sources)	208.4	203.1	200.2	198.8	197.4
Net Transfers	-137.9	-111.4	-132.0	-89.6	-86.3
Other benefits	42.79	22.40	49.05	9.00	9.00
Total Water Available for Use	113.3	113.0	117.0	118.0	119.9

The baseline Deployable Output data presented in this section represents the Environment Agency's preferred sustainability reduction licence cap scenario. This includes recent actual average caps to time limited licences in 2022-24 and caps to all other permanent licences by 2030. The impact of 1:500 drought resilience has also been applied from 2025 rather than the preferred scenario of 2039/2040. These factors apply to the baseline forecast only. For the final plan forecast we have applied our best value scenario for licence caps, which was developed following an iterative process to deliver licence caps as early as possible. The transition to 1:500 drought resilience occurs in 2039/40 in the final plan forecast.

Further information is available in the WRMP24 Decision Making technical supporting document, section 6.

4. Population & Housing



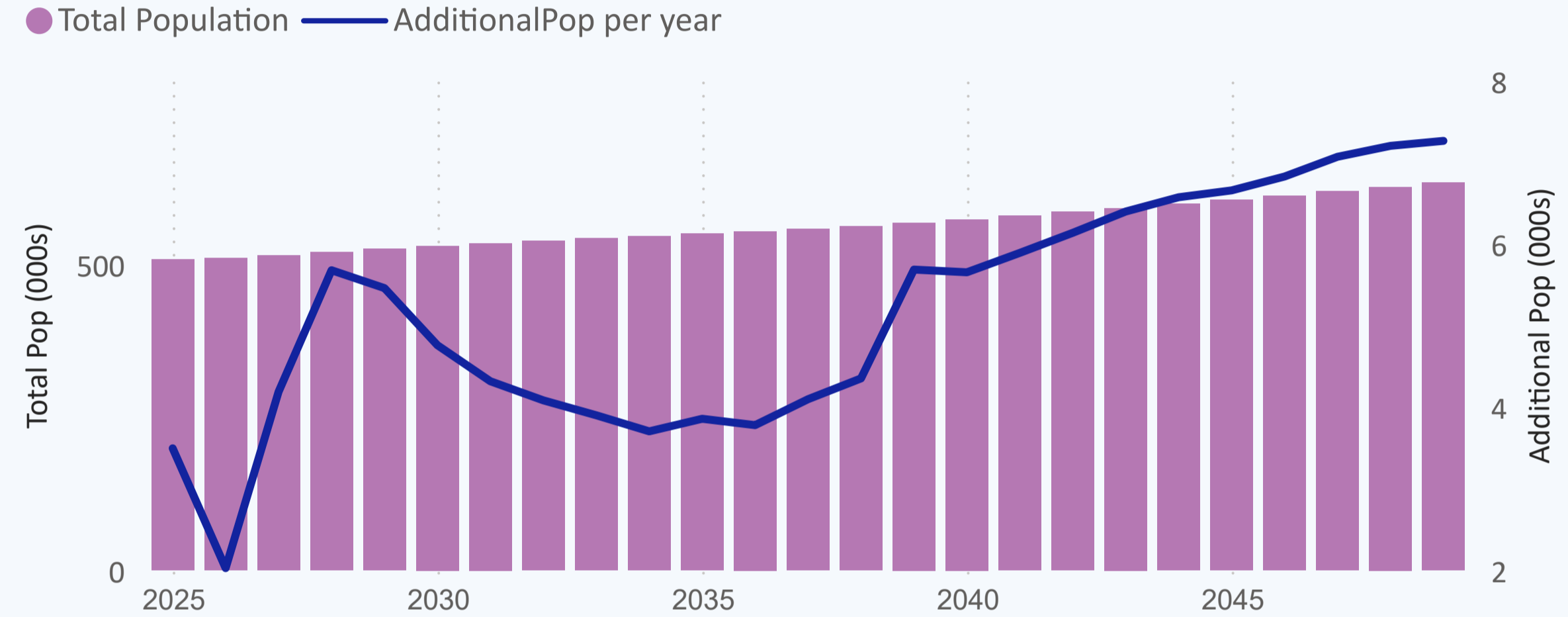
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Over the WRMP period, population in **Ruthamford South** is set to increase from **508530** in 2025 to **634158** in 2049-50 - this is an increase of **24.7 %** over the 25 years.

Table 4a: Population totals (cumulative) by AMP

Year	Total Population (000s)
2029-30 (end of AMP8)	525.893
2034-35 (end of AMP9)	546.670
2039-40 (end of AMP10)	568.456
2044-45 (end of AMP11)	599.123
2049-50 (end of AMP12)	634.158

Figure 2: Total Resource Zone Population

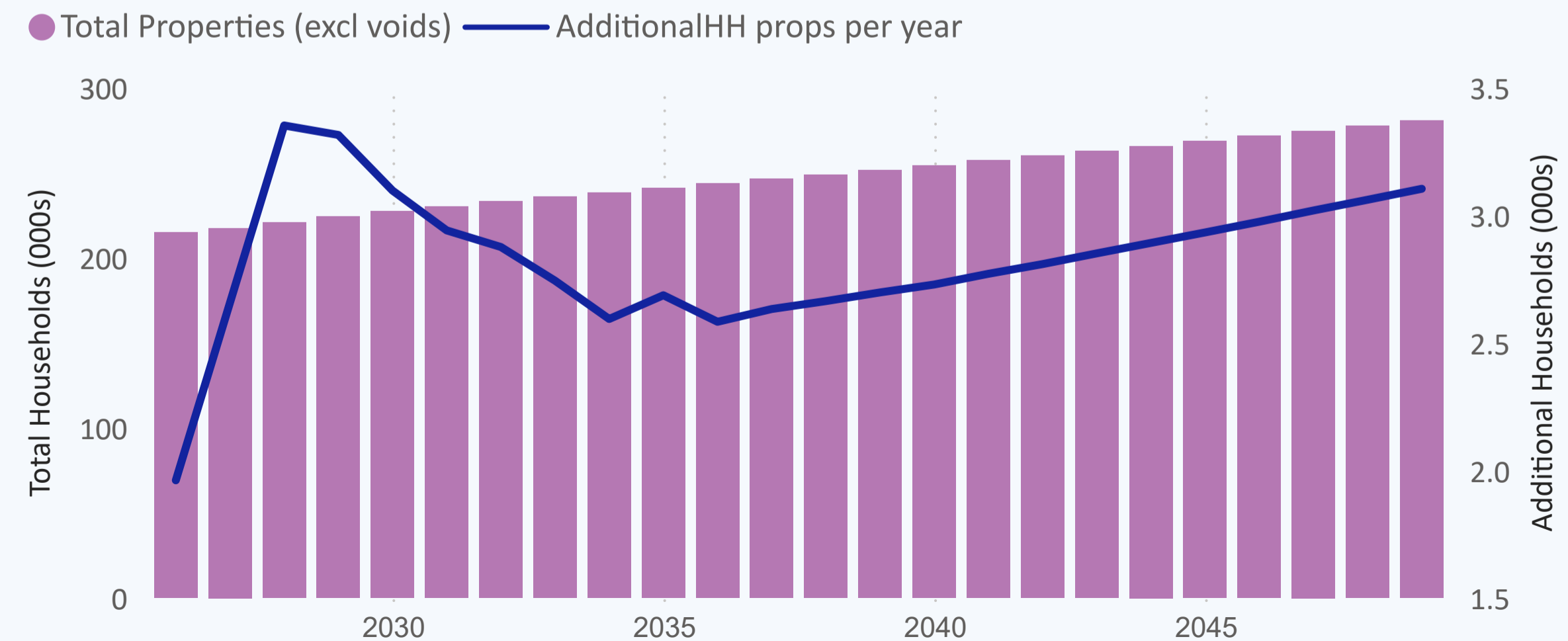


Over the WRMP period, property numbers in **Ruthamford South** are set to increase from **212749** in 2025 to **280673** in 2049-50 - this is an increase of **31.9 %** over the 25 years.

Table 4b: Property totals (cumulative) by AMP

Year	Total Properties-excl voids (000s)
2029-30 (end of AMP8)	224.032
2034-35 (end of AMP9)	238.279
2039-40 (end of AMP10)	251.539
2044-45 (end of AMP11)	265.586
2049-50 (end of AMP12)	280.673

Figure 3: Total Resource Zone Properties (excl. voids)



5. Baseline Supply Demand Balance DYAA

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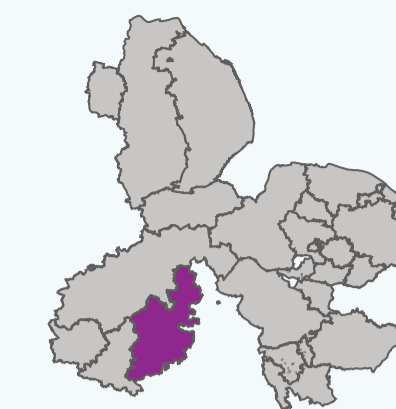


Figure 4: Ruthamford South baseline supply demand balance to 2050 for Dry Year Annual Average conditions

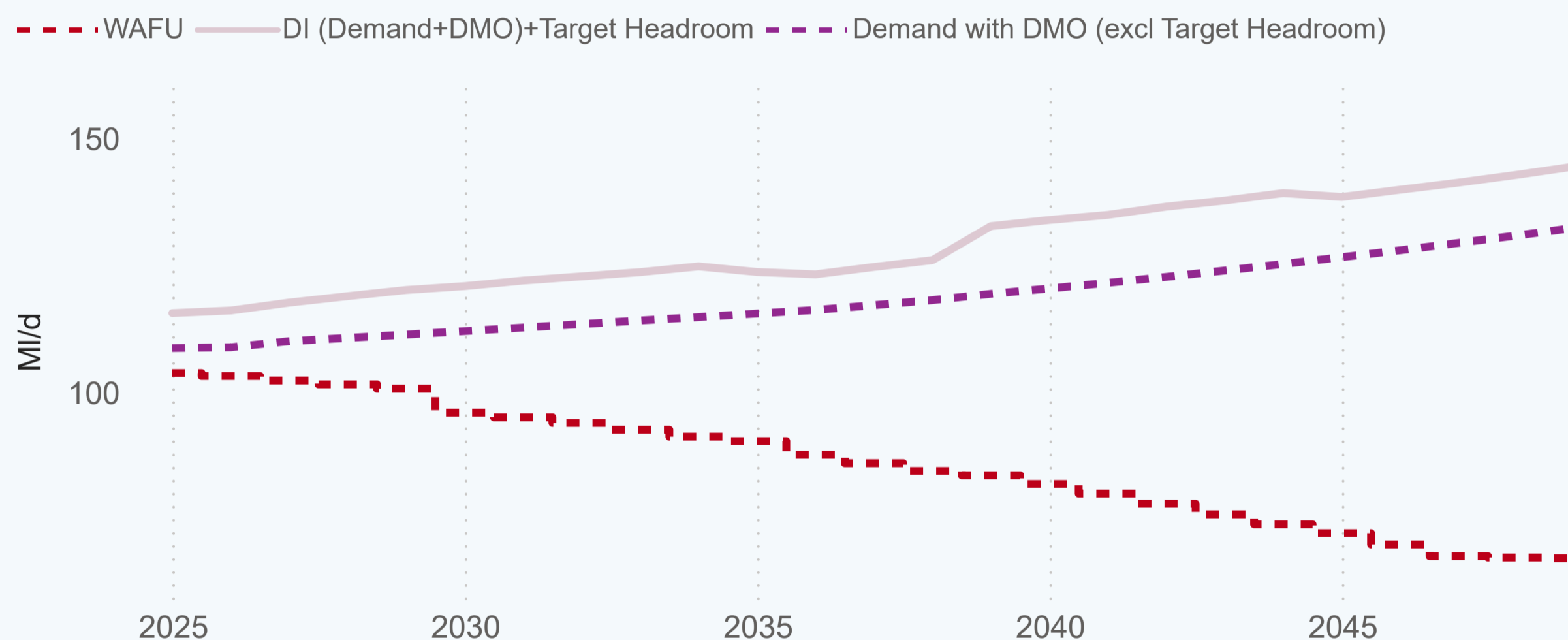


Table 5a: Baseline supply demand balance 2025 - 2050 for DYAA conditions

	2025-26 (start of AMP8)	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
Water Available For Use	209.5	208.4	203.1	200.2	198.8	197.4
Net Transfers	-105.6	-107.6	-111.7	-116.4	-124.7	-130.0
Total Water Available For Use	103.9	100.8	91.4	83.8	74.1	67.5
Distribution Input	108.8	111.5	114.9	119.5	125.4	132.5
Target Headroom	6.9	8.8	10.0	13.3	14.0	12.1
Supply Demand Balance	-11.8	-19.4	-33.5	-49.0	-65.2	-77.1

Table 5b: Baseline demand forecast (without preferred demand management options)

	2025-26 (start of AMP8)	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
Water delivered measured household	62.4	65.4	69.5	74.3	79.6	84.9
Water delivered unmeasured household	10.4	8.9	7.4	6.2	5.3	5.0
Total Leakage	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.9	15.1
Water delivered measured non-household	21.9	23.0	23.7	24.7	26.2	28.3
Water delivered unmeasured non-household	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Distribution Input	108.8	111.5	114.9	119.5	125.4	132.5

DYAA BL supply demand summary: Ruthamford South

Baseline Supply Demand Balance: This zone is expected to go into deficit by 2025 (under the preferred baseline scenario - as described in section 3.3).

- Demand Forecast: Baseline household demand (measured and unmeasured) is forecast to change from 72.7 MI/d in 2025 to 89.9 MI/d in 2050, a percentage change of 23.7 %.
- Baseline Leakage: is forecast to change from 14.5 MI/d in 2025 to 15.1 MI/d by 2050.
- Baseline Non-Household demand: is expected to change from 21.9 MI/d to 28.3 MI/d.
- Baseline Distribution Input: is expected to change from 108.8 MI/d to 132.5 MI/d by 2050.

Nb. 'Deficit' is one outcome of the calculation WAFU minus Distribution Input (including Target Headroom).

6. Baseline Supply Demand Balance DYCP

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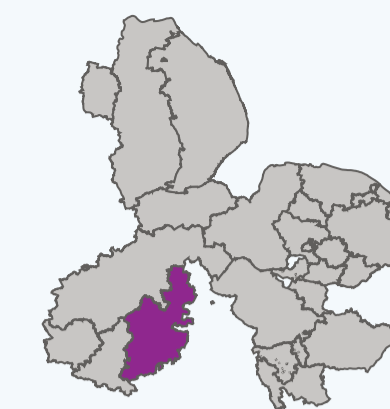


Figure 5: Ruthamford South baseline supply demand balance to 2050 for Dry Year Critical Period conditions

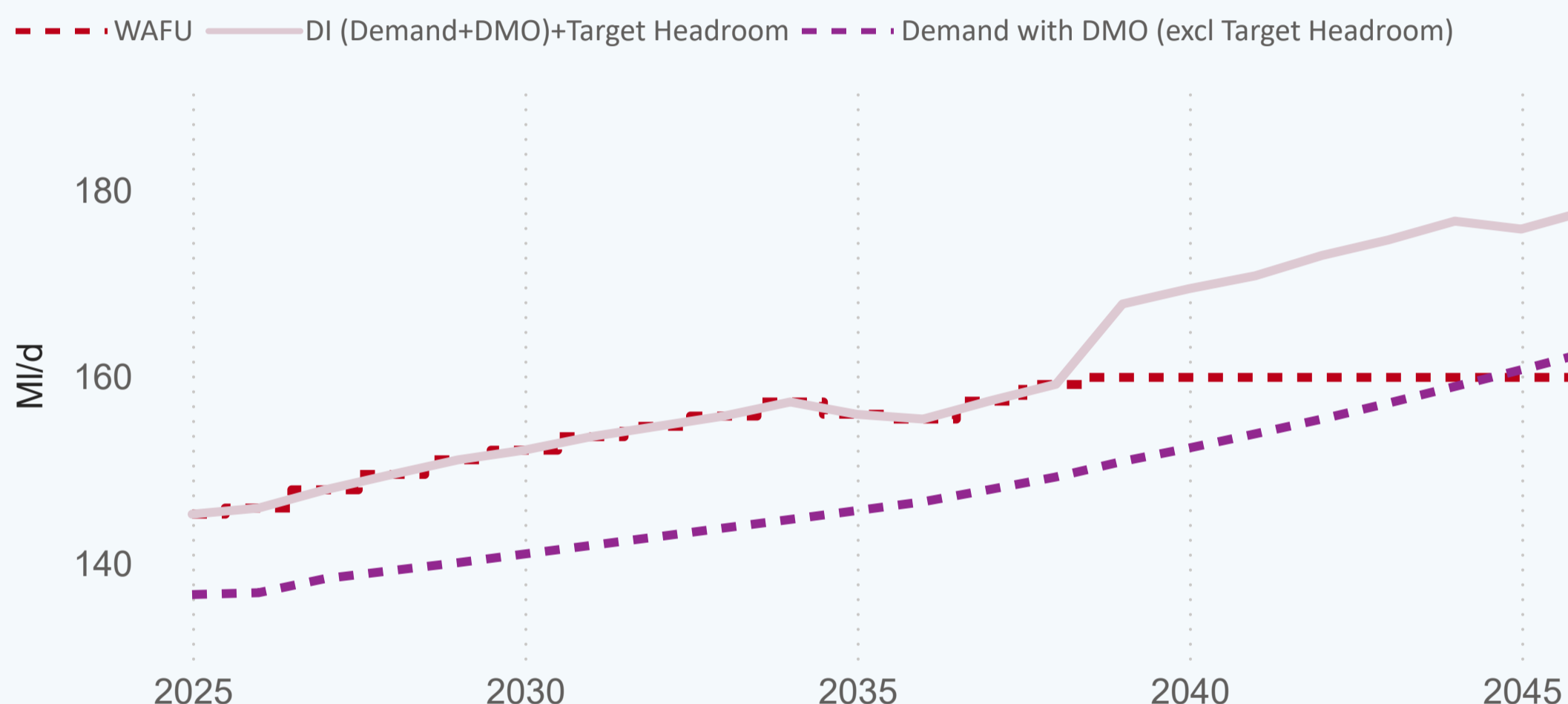


Table 6b: Baseline demand forecast with DYCP conditions (without preferred demand management options)

	2025-26 (start of AMP8)	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
Water delivered measured household	81.5	85.5	91.2	97.8	105.2	112.7
Water delivered unmeasured household	14.1	12.1	10.1	8.6	7.3	6.9
Total Leakage	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.9	15.1
Water delivered measured non-household	26.9	28.2	29.1	30.3	32.1	34.7
Water delivered unmeasured non-household	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Distribution Input	136.6	140.0	144.7	150.9	158.9	168.6

Table 6a: Baseline supply demand balance 2025 - 2050 for DYCP conditions

	2025-26 (start of AMP8)	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
Water Available For Use	329.6	329.6	329.6	329.6	329.6	329.6
Net Transfers	-184.4	-178.5	-172.3	-169.7	-169.7	-169.7
Total Water Available For Use	145.2	151.1	157.3	159.9	159.9	159.9
Distribution Input	136.6	140.0	144.7	150.9	158.9	168.6
Target Headroom	8.6	11.0	12.6	16.9	17.7	15.4
Supply Demand Balance	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.9	-16.8	-24.1

DYCP BL supply demand summary: Ruthamford South

Baseline Supply Demand balance: This zone is not expected to go into deficit

- Demand Forecast: Baseline household demand (measured and unmeasured) is forecast to change from 95.6 MI/d in 2025 to 119.6 MI/d in 2050, a percentage change of 25.2 %.
- Baseline Leakage: is forecast to change from 14.5 MI/d in 2025 to 15.1 MI/d by 2050.
- Baseline Non-Household demand: is expected to change from 26.9 MI/d to 34.7 MI/d.
- Baseline Distribution Input: is expected to change from 136.6 MI/d to 168.6 MI/d by 2050.

Nb. 'Deficit' is one outcome of the calculation WAFU minus Distribution Input (including Target Headroom).



7. Demand forecast and PCC



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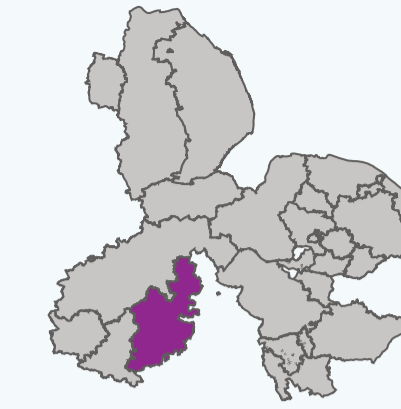


Figure 6: Ruthamford South DYAA DI with and without demand management strategy

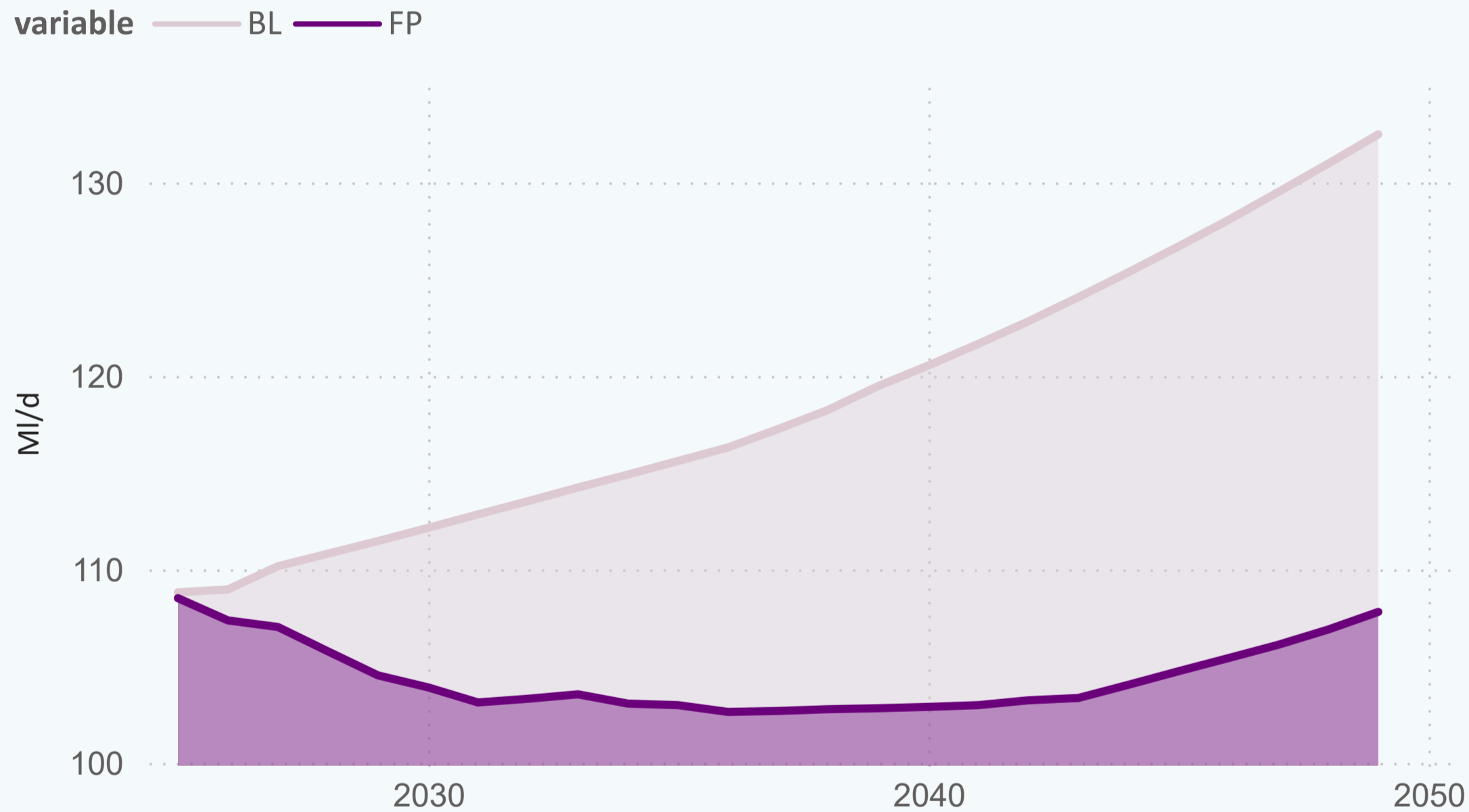


Table 7a: Demand - baseline and final plan

variable	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
BL	111.5	114.9	119.5	125.4	132.5
FP	104.5	103.1	102.8	104.0	107.8

Demand Ruthamford South (see Table 7a)

Baseline demand is expected to increase from 108.8 (MI/d) in 2025 to 132.5 (MI/d) in 2050. With demand management options in place, demand is expected to be 107.8 (MI/d).

PCC Ruthamford South (see Table 7b)

Per Capita Consumption (PCC) in the base year 2025/26 is 134.1 (l/h/d) measured and 150.7 (l/h/d) unmeasured.

The weighted average PCC (l/h/d) comes in at 136.1 (l/h/d) in 2025/26. This is forecast to fall to 111.4 (l/h/d) in the Final Plan forecast as demand management option savings are realised and customers switch from unmeasured to measured status

Table 7b: DMO strategy Final Plan

	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
BL demand forecast(DYAA)	134.4	134.1	135.1	135.3	135.5
FP demand forecast(DYAA)	126.0	121.6	117.0	113.0	111.4
% change BL to FP	-6.2%	-9.3%	-13.4%	-16.5%	-17.8%

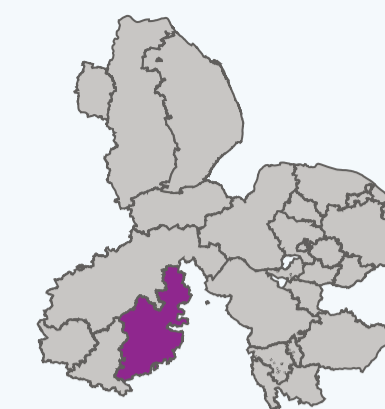




8. Demand management options



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Regional overview:

Across the entirety of the Anglian Water region our demand management strategy will comprise three strongly interlinked programs:

Water metering program:

- We intend to complete our current smart meter rollout which will replace our entire meter stock over 10 years (2 AMPs), noting that 1.1M smart meters will be installed across Anglian Water by 2025. The information resulting from 'smart metering' will help inform our customers regarding their water usage and will assist in our ability to influence this behaviour. It will also help with our ability to detect leakage, significantly reducing plumbing losses and customer supply pipe leaks.

Leakage reduction

- Our aim is to reduce leakage by more than 45MI/d from 2025 to 2050 across the whole Anglian Water area, building upon our ambitious program of leakage reduction in AMP7 (14% reduction of more than 27MI/d across the region by 2025).

Water efficiency measures

- New technologies and interventions will help promote the careful use of water. Additional water efficiency programs will include: the promotion of 'Smart' devices; further development of our Multi-utility web-portal; garden advice; support for vulnerable customers with plumbing loss and cspl; Community reward schemes. As part of our WRMP24 we have developed and included 'water efficiency visits' and leakage reduction measures for our Non-Household customers.

Figure 7: DMO strategy Final Plan for Ruthamford South

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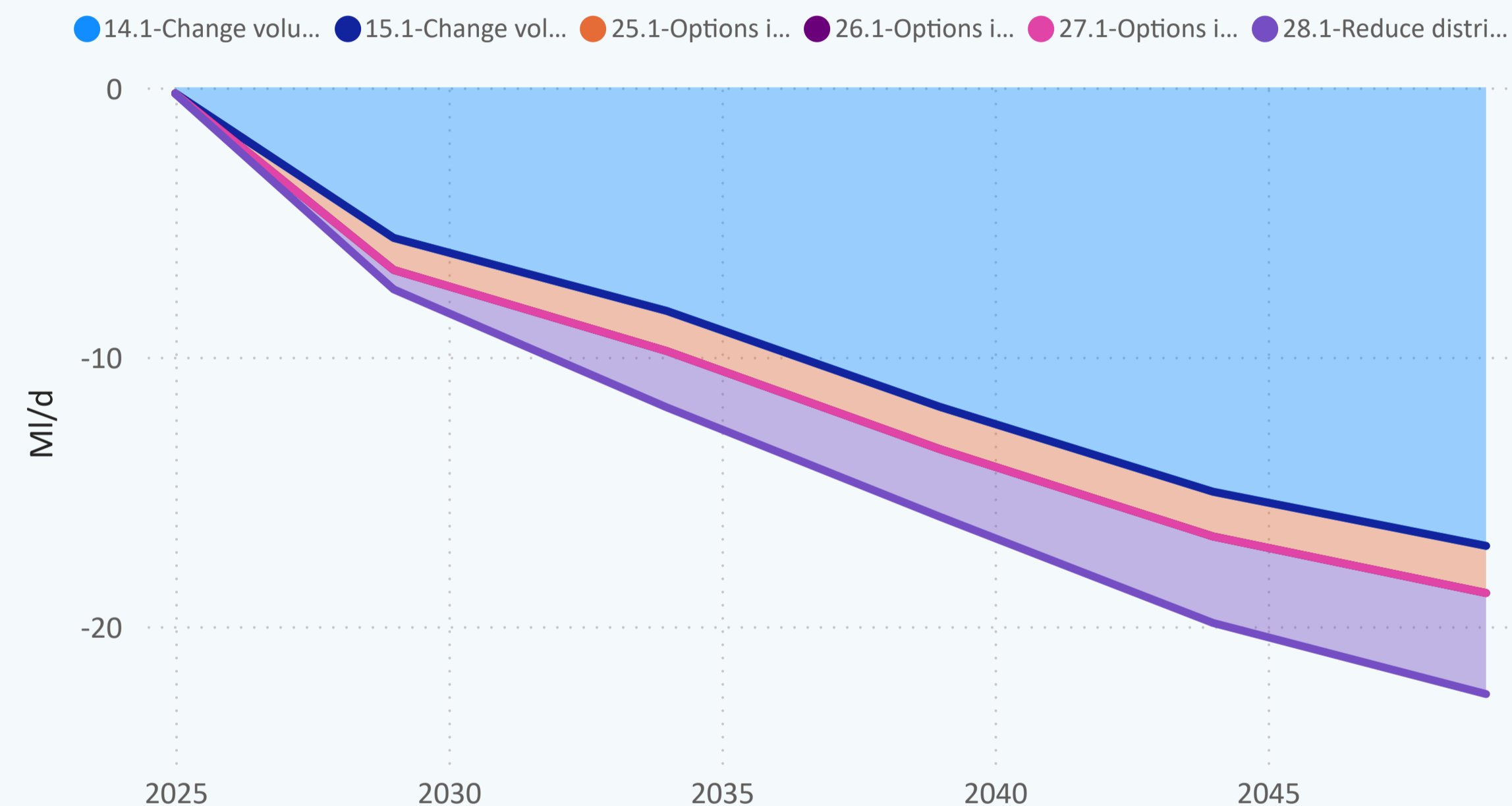


Table 8: DMO strategy Final Plan for Ruthamford South

	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
14.1-Change volume delivered to measured households(-ve)	-5.6	-8.3	-11.9	-15.0	-17.0
15.1-Change volume delivered to unmeasured households(-ve)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25.1-Options impacting on measured Household - USPL (-ve)	-1.2	-1.5	-1.6	-1.7	-1.8
26.1-Options impacting on unmeasured Household - USPL (-ve)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
27.1-Options impacting on Void properties - USPL (-ve)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
28.1-Reduce distribution losses (-ve)	-0.7	-2.1	-2.5	-3.2	-3.8





9. Final Plan Supply Demand Balance DYAA

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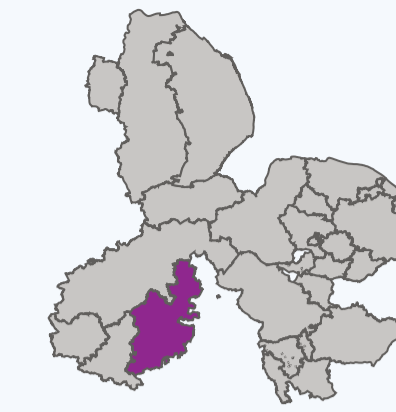


Figure 8: Ruthamford South final plan SDB to 2050 for Dry Year Annual Average conditions

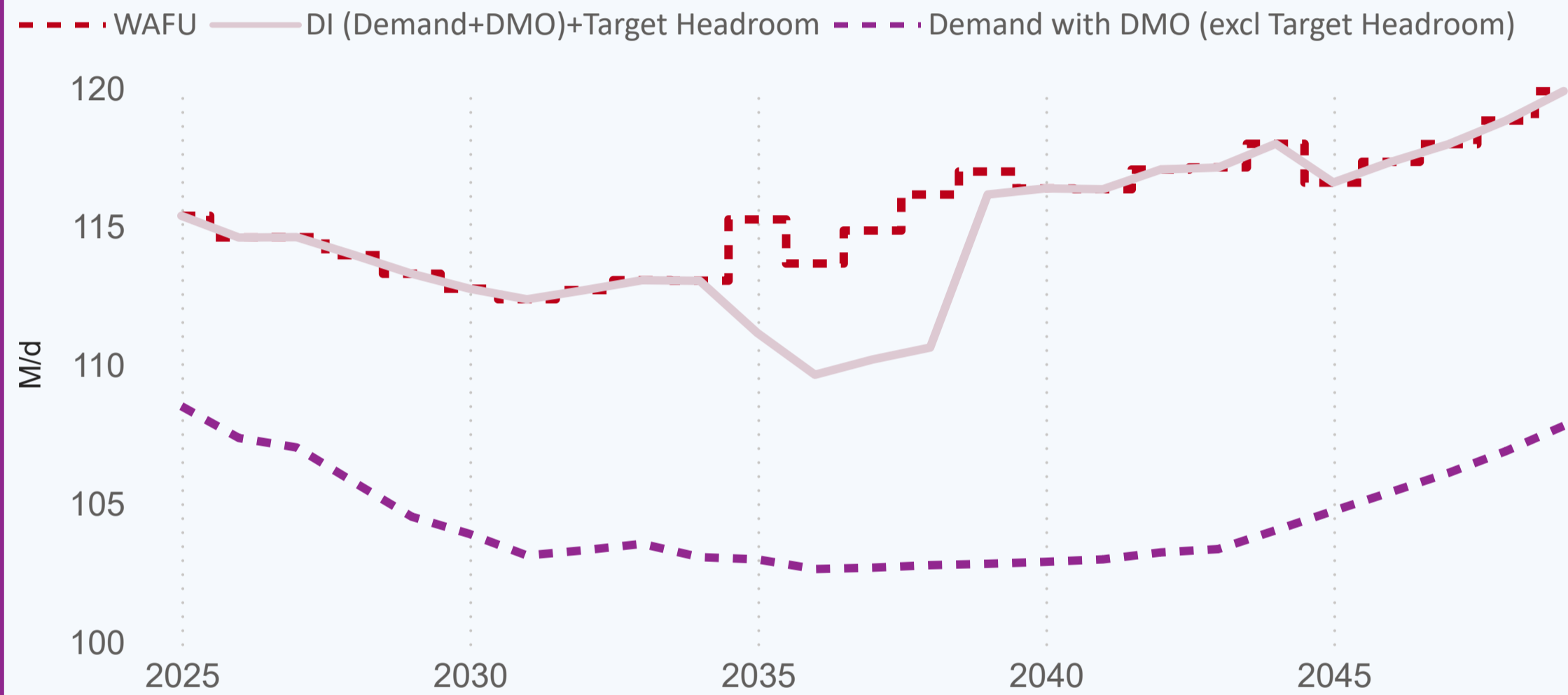


Table 9a: final plan SDB to 2050 for Dry Year conditions

	2025-26 (start of AMP8)	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
Water Available For Use	251.8	251.2	224.4	249.1	207.5	206.1
Net Transfers	-136.4	-137.9	-111.4	-132.0	-89.6	-86.3
Total Water Available For Use	115.4	113.3	113.0	117.0	118.0	119.9
Distribution Input	108.5	104.5	103.1	102.8	104.0	107.8
Target Headroom	6.9	8.8	10.0	13.3	14.0	12.1
Supply Demand Balance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0

Table 9b: Final Plan demand forecast for DYAA conditions (with preferred demand management options)

	2025-26 (start of AMP8)	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
Water delivered measured household	62.1	59.8	61.2	62.5	64.6	67.9
Water delivered unmeasured household	10.4	8.9	7.4	6.2	5.3	5.0
Total Leakage	14.5	12.7	11.1	10.7	10.0	9.6
Water delivered measured non-household	21.9	22.4	22.3	22.4	23.1	24.4
Water delivered unmeasured non-household	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Distribution Input	108.5	104.5	103.1	102.8	104.0	107.8

DYAA FP supply demand summary: Ruthamford South

The zone is in balance.

- Demand Forecast: Final Plan household demand (measured and unmeasured) is forecast to change from 72.5 MI/d in 2025 to 72.9 MI/d in 2050, a percentage change of 0.6 %.
- Final Plan Leakage is forecast to change from 14.5 MI/d in 2025 to 9.6 MI/d by 2050.
- Final Plan Non-Household demand is expected to change from 21.9 MI/d to 24.4 MI/d.
- Final Plan Distribution Input is expected to change from 108.5 MI/d to 107.8 MI/d by 2050.



10. Final Plan Supply Demand Balance DYCP

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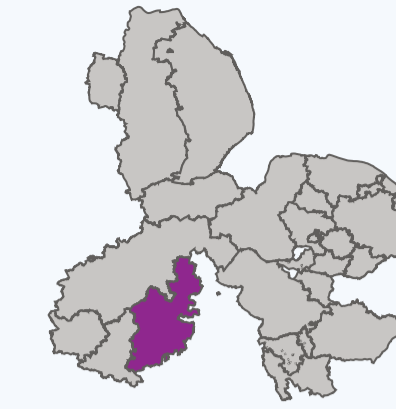


Figure 9: Ruthamford South baseline supply demand balance to 2050 for Dry Year Critical Period conditions

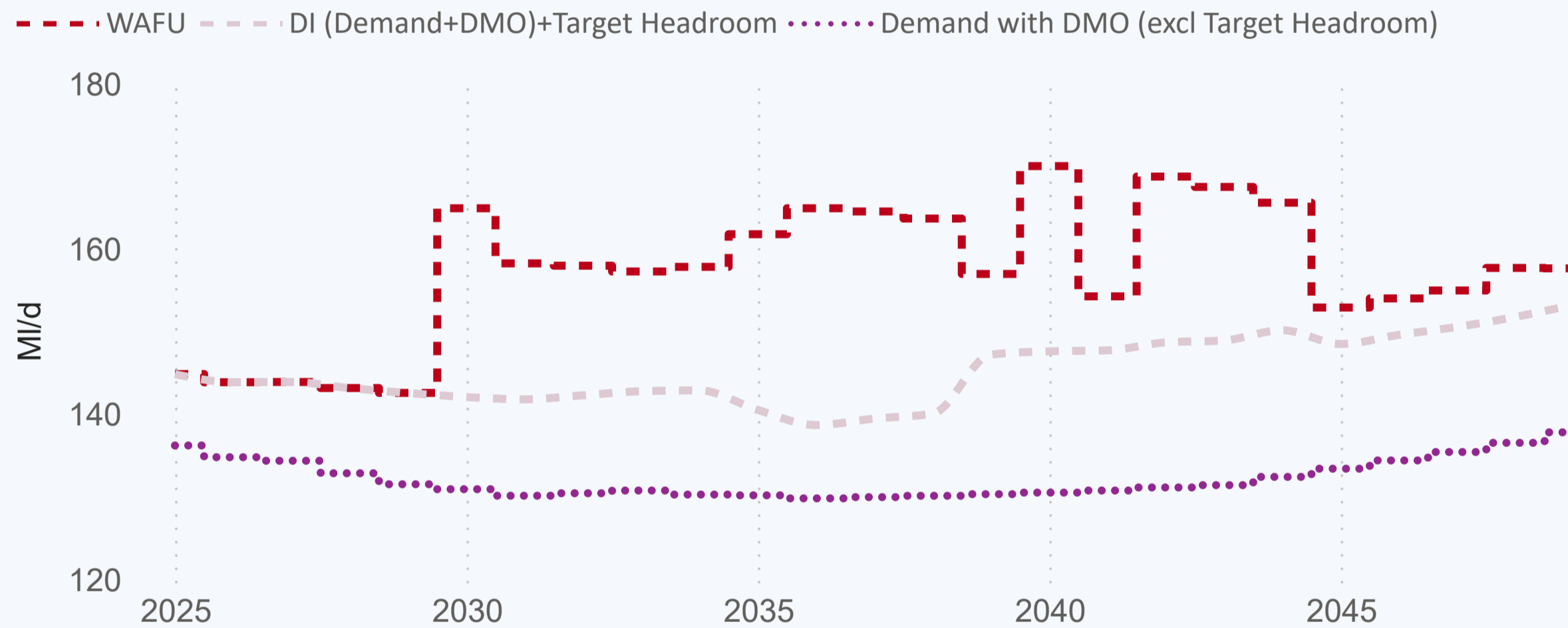


Table 10b: Final Plan demand forecast for DYCP conditions (with preferred demand management options)

	2025-26 (start of AMP8)	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
Water delivered measured household	81.2	78.5	80.7	82.6	85.7	90.5
Water delivered unmeasured household	14.1	12.1	10.1	8.6	7.3	6.9
Total Leakage	14.5	12.7	11.1	10.7	10.0	9.6
Water delivered measured non-household	26.8	27.5	27.3	27.5	28.3	29.9
Water delivered unmeasured non-household	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Distribution Input	136.2	131.5	130.3	130.3	132.4	137.8

Table 10a: Final Plan supply demand balance 2025 - 2050 for DYCP conditions

	2025-26 (start of AMP8)	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
Water Available For Use	329.6	329.6	339.1	339.1	335.6	335.6
Net Transfers	-184.8	-187.0	-181.3	-182.1	-170.0	-178.0
Total Water Available For Use	144.9	142.6	157.8	157.0	165.6	157.6
Distribution Input	136.2	131.5	130.3	130.3	132.4	137.8
Target Headroom	8.6	11.0	12.6	16.9	17.7	15.4
Supply Demand Balance	0.0	0.0	14.9	9.8	15.4	4.4

DYCP BL supply demand summary: Ruthamford South

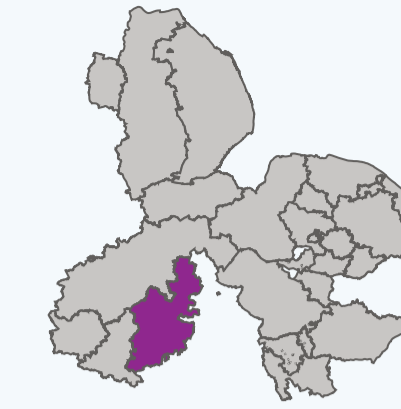
The zone is in balance.

- Demand Forecast: Final Plan household demand (measured and unmeasured) is forecast to change from 95.3 MI/d in 2025 to 97.4 MI/d in 2050, a percentage change of 2.2 %.
- Final Plan Leakage: is forecast to change from 14.5 MI/d in 2025 to 9.6 MI/d by 2050
- Final Plan Non-Household demand: is expected to change from 26.8 MI/d to 29.9 MI/d.
- Final Plan Distribution Input: is expected to change from 136.2 MI/d to 137.8 MI/d by 2050.





11. Supply Side Strategy



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Table 11a: Total Water Available for use Baseline and Final Plan

	2029-30 (end of AMP8)	2034-35 (end of AMP9)	2039-40 (end of AMP10)	2044-45 (end of AMP11)	2049-50 (end of AMP12)
WAFU - BL	137.7	97.3	117.3	74.1	67.5
WAFU - FP	113.3	113.0	117.0	118.0	119.9

Supply side strategy options.

For details on the feasible options list for Ruthamford South WRZ please refer to the Supply-Side Option Development technical supporting document.

Figure 10 Water Available for Use (WAFU) - baseline (BL) and final plan (FP)

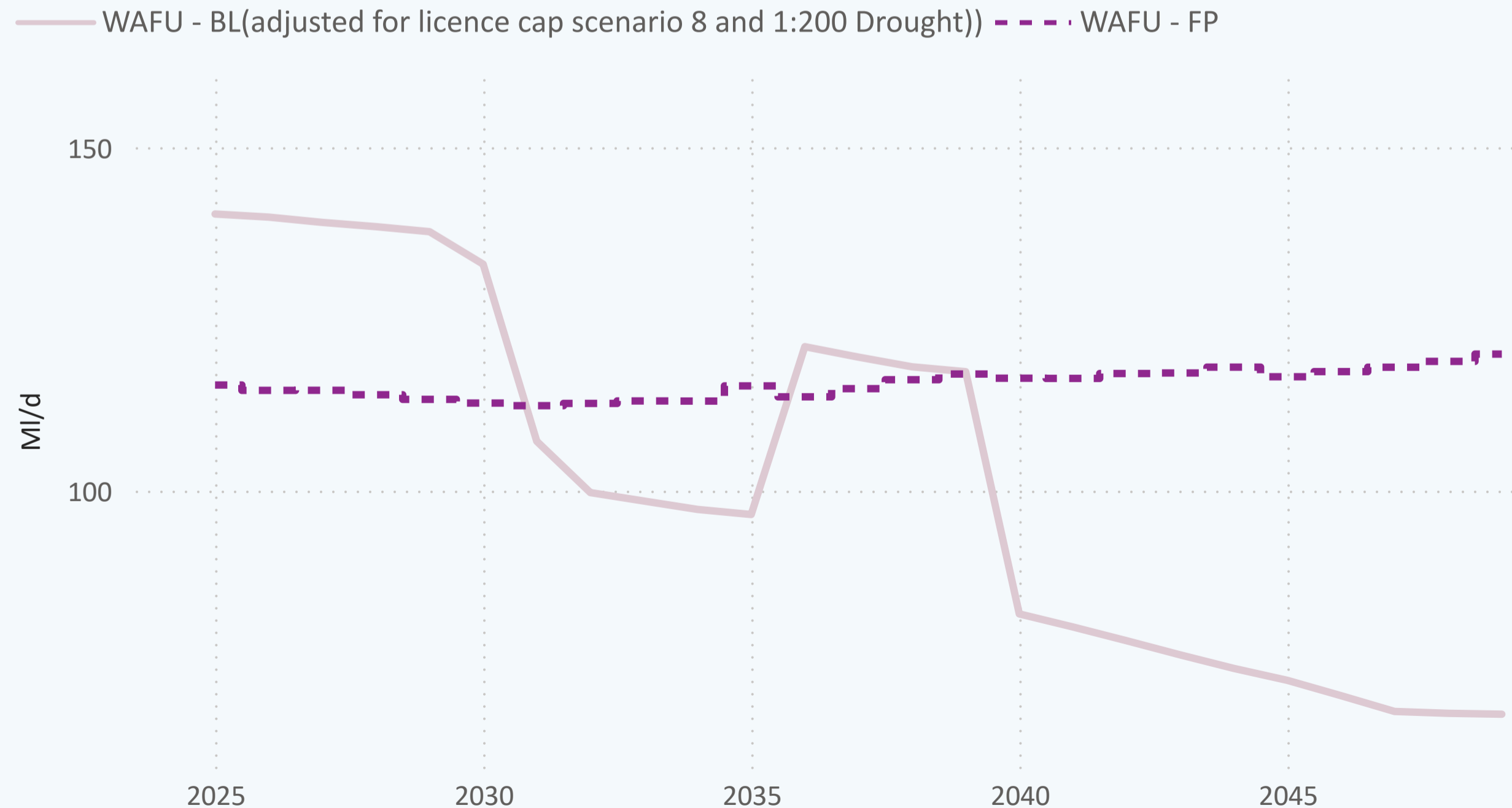


Table 11b: Preferred supply side options

Option ID	First Option Name
DA05	Adjustment to 1:200 drought
EE12	Adjustment to existing potable water export
LC16	Adjustment for Licence cap scenario 8
RTS16	Ruthamford South Drought permit
RTS21	Ruthamford South surface water enhancement
RTS24	Ruthamford North to Ruthamford South potable transfer (75 MI/d)



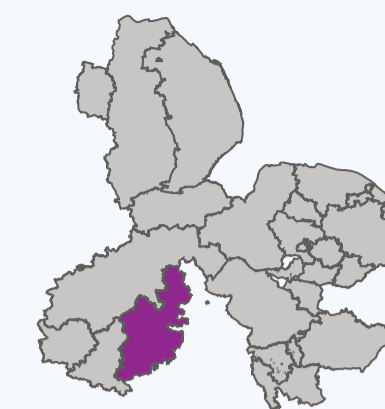


12. Non-Household consumption

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Non-Household demand Ruthamford South

In 2025, 22.0 MI/d of Non-Household demand (measured and unmeasured) is expected. In 2049 it is expected to be 24.4 MI/d, which is a 11.07% change between the years.

Figure 12: % Non-Household modelled sectors within resource zone

Figure 11: Non-Household demand forecast 2025-2050

