

A Short Briefing on the context for securing resilient water systems is now on the website [here](#)

The People's Commission on the Water Sector was setup to 'shadow' the Government's Commission into the Water Sector to review and reform the Regulatory system. Independent Water Commission - GOV.UK .

The concern is that the Official Commission is focused too narrowly on the regulatory system itself, and is not centred on innovative approaches especially citizen's greater involvement.

[About – The People's Commission on the Water Sector](#)

The second of four public meetings organised by the People's Commission on the water sector was held at COGS, Knaresborough yesterday March 31st, hosted by Nidd Action Group.

This session explored how to secure the technical and design aspects of water systems to produce resilient systems - that work for people and the environment now and into the future.

A Panel of independent academics took evidence in a public meeting from a range of experts, with all those present invited to question and contribute to the debate

Lots of detail on the panel, the speakers and the contributions made, including a livestream of the whole event, from General 2 – [The People's Commission on the Water Sector](#)

You had to be there to truly appreciate the passion of contributors and the quality of the up-to-date information provided, including straightforward recommendations from professionals in environmental management and social science, from engineers delivering innovative biological waste water treatment and from an advocate for sustainable drainage systems.

What we learnt included:

- Environmental protection is an Opportunity for Innovation not a Threat
- Treat rainwater as a precious Resource
- Reduce Demand - Make it Easy to Use Less water
- Benign By Design - design chemicals that do no harm to the environment
- Change policy makers attitude to the public. We are not a problem to be overcome.

We are an asset and part of the solution

- treatment is the last option not the first

The material from the four meetings will be made available to Government in time for their report expected in June 2025

The Call for Evidence by the Independent Commission is open for views from all interested parties until 23 April.

Get involved!

Nidd Action Group Chair, David Clayden, 1 April 2025