

North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park
Response on behalf of Anglian Water Services
Resolving water supply
Deadline 8

Anglian Water has engaged with the Applicant through the pre-application and Examination period with regard to the implications of the project for our network, including water resources, foul drainage and the management of surface water. Following the submission of the application we have agreed Protective Provisions and sought to progress the Statement of Common Ground between Anglian Water and the Applicant. The issue of water resources to meet non-domestic demand has arisen and is a matter that we now seek to bring to the attention of the Examining Authority.

The regulatory position is that demands for water for non-domestic purposes are not permitted to jeopardise current and future supplies for domestic purposes, whether to household or non-household premises.

Through the preparation of the statutory Water Resources Management Plan 2025 – 2050 (WRMP24), Anglian Water has identified there is a risk of insufficient water supplies available to meet the new and expanded water demands for non-domestic uses from planned projects in water resource zones across the Anglian Water region. This matter was brought to the attention of the Applicant on 23 February 2023 and proposed for inclusion in the draft Statement of Common Ground between Anglian Water and North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park Limited and is a matter still to be resolved.

Given the stage of the Examination we recommend that the Applicant provide a Technical Summary to the Examining Authority, the Environment Agency and Anglian Water urgently and before Deadline 10 on 15 May which sets out the water demands needed for the construction and operation of the Energy from Waste facility. Based on this information, Anglian Water guided by the Environment Agency; on required water abstraction reductions, our water modelling and water resource teams will be able to advise if there is currently and will in future be insufficient water supply available in the Water Resource Zone to meet the maximum daily demand for the project.

We recognise that water supply was not identified as a critical issue when we engaged with the Applicant prior to the submission of the DCO, and this is a matter that has arisen through the development of the WRMP24 specifically in late 2022 and early 2023, leading to consultation on the Draft WRMP which ended on 29th March 2023. However, the updated position on the draft WRMP means that water supply is now a matter that we need to bring to the attention of the Examining Authority, with a view to Anglian Water providing further detailed evidence on our non-domestic water supply position after the close of the Examination on 15 May 2023. This will in part enable alignment with through the statutory Water Resources Management Plan progression in June. Anglian Water will continue to engage with the Applicant to discuss this matter and the options available.

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