

Question 1.5.16: Anglian Water's plans to expand the Louth Water Recycling Centre are required to support existing growth set out in the Local Plan. The timing of that investment is dependent on several factors including the approval of planning permission & construction build out, discussions and agreement with the Environment Agency on permit changes and the approval of funding by regulators for Anglian Water's Plans for 2025 to 2030 and on to 2050. Three current projects totalling some £23m have been designed and costed, and further projects have been identified to increase capacity and improved environmental performance. Anglian Water's overall investment plans are likely to be agreed at final determination in December 2024. The design, area required and timing of expansion are therefore uncertain and consequently Anglian Water in discussion with the applicant has sought to ensure as little of that land as possible is sterilised by the Viking pipeline route.

Question 1.5.22: Anglian Water thanks the Examining Authority for visiting the canal and Louth Water Recycling Centre (WRC) location on the USI. Anglian Water has no concerns on the practicality and safety of the applicant's proposed pipeline construction method under the canal and river. The potential interaction between Anglian Water assets including the water supply pipeline in the land to the east of the WRC is being addressed through Protective Provisions including stand-off distances as well as the difference in depths of Anglian Water's existing pipelines and the proposed Viking pipeline which will be at depth. Anglian Water understands that part of the reason for the wider area of land in the earlier stage of the projects is to ensure that the selected route of the pipeline as well as its depth minimised risks in construction.

Question 1.7.24: Anglian Water considers that the applicant has selected the most sustainable method of managing foul drainage during construction, for welfare facilities at compound sites, for example. In not seeking connections to the public sewer network during construction the applicant has minimised the need for works which would entail construction, and potentially some disruption and temporary environmental disturbance as well as generating capital (embedded) carbon from those works, including excavation. For operational facilities at either end of the pipeline, for example, foul sewer connections and any necessary upgrades to capacity can be agreed with Anglian Water. It is anticipated that those foul water flows will be permanent, domestic in nature and so both low in volume and not requiring specialist treatment. As a consequence there is no foreseeable reason why those permanent and domestic type connections could not be designed and agreed and then installed to connect into the existing public sewer network.

Question 1.7.39: The Protective Provisions have been an ongoing matter of discussion between Anglian Water and the applicant. Anglian Water has agreed a form of Protective Provisions with the applicant and anticipates that this will be recorded as resolved with all other matters between the parties at Deadline 3 on 11 June 2024 with the submission of a signed final Statement of Common Ground.