

The Planning Inspectorate  
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22 February 2022

Dear Richard Kent,

### **Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project**

#### **Notice of proposed application for a Development Consent Order pursuant to Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008**

Anglian Water Services Limited (“the Applicant”) intends to build a modern, low carbon waste water treatment plant for Greater Cambridge. The new facility will provide vital services for the community and environment, recycling water and nutrients, producing green energy, helping Greater Cambridge to grow sustainably.

Anglian Water’s vision goes beyond just building a new plant. It isn’t simply about moving an old facility to a new location. We will build a facility to better serve the community and environment for years to come, one where waste water becomes a valuable resource.

The new facility, as well as being operationally net zero carbon, will be energy neutral. It is designed to adapt to changing social and environmental priorities, increasing resilience to storm flows and flooding and provide a long-term solution to how we best treat waste water for a growing Cambridge population.

The relocation will enable South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council’s long held ambition to develop a new low-carbon city district on Cambridge’s last major brownfield site, known as North East Cambridge. The site is an important component of the First Proposals (preferred options) for the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan that were subject to public consultation late last year and the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan that has recently been agreed by the Councils in its Proposed Submission form and will be subject to public consultation prior to submission, once the Development Consent Order is determined. The relocation of the existing waste water treatment facility will enable this new district to come forward and deliver 8,350 homes, 15,000 new jobs and a wide range of community, cultural and open space facilities in North East Cambridge.

The Applicant intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project (“CWWTPR”). The relocation project will be the first waste water project to seek a Development Consent Order that is not specifically named in the National Policy Statement (NPS), Anglian Water sought a direction from the Secretary of State under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) to confirm that it would be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”) when the application is submitted.

The waste water treatment facility will be located on a new site area north of the A14 between Fen Ditton and Horningsea within the Cambridge drainage catchment area, to replace the plant on Cowley Road. The relocation project will also involve the decommissioning of the existing facility on Cowley Road and associated development to connect the facility to the wider sewage network, including a pipeline from Waterbeach.

The DCO application will contain full details of the CWWTTPR and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the 2008 Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“2017 Regulations”).

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**Notice under section 46 of the 2008 Act**

Please treat this letter as notice to the Planning Inspectorate, under section 46 of the 2008 Act, of the Applicant’s proposed application in relation to CWWTTPR, and please find enclosed:

1. Example covering letter to statutory consultees under section 42 of the 2008 Act and Regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations;
2. Example covering letter to land interests under section 44 of the 2008 Act;
3. Copy of the notice publicising the application under section 48 of the 2008 Act. The notice is published in the Cambridge Independent on the 16 and 23 February, in the Cambridge News on the 17 and 24 February, the Guardian on the 24 February, and the London Gazette on the 24 February.

**Consultation materials**

In accordance with section 46 of the 2008 Act, the documents listed as points 4 – 8 below are available to consultees free of charge on a USB device upon request during Phase three consultation from 24 February – 27 April 2022 and on the project website document library:

<https://cwwtpr.com/document-library/> pursuant to the Applicant’s duty to consult under section 42 and 44 of the Act:

4. Notice publicising the proposed DCO application under section 48 of the 2008 Act;
5. The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”);
6. A non-technical summary of the PEIR;
7. The Landscape, Ecological and Recreational Management Plan, the Construction Traffic Management Plan, the Travel Plan, the Soil Management Plan and Code of Construction Practice;
8. The draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and Works Plans.

Hard copies of the Community Consultation Leaflet, Feedback Form and the non-technical summary of the PEIR are also available free of charge. Our Phase three community consultation leaflet presents and summarises the project proposals following two earlier phases of consultation, and provides an overview of the project and the Phase three consultation for all consultees. There will be a charge for supplying a hard copy of the full Preliminary Environmental Information Report and other available documents. Details of the costs are listed below:

<b>Document</b>	<b>Cost of request</b>
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	£50
Management Plans (cost of each document)	£15
Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and Works Plans	£45

The consultation will run from 24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022. **Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on 27 April 2022.** Responses received after this time may not be considered.

If you have any queries or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by using one of the contact methods below:

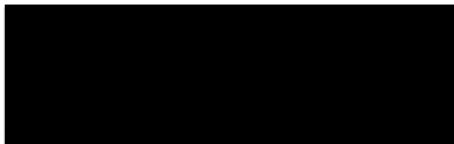
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For more information about the project please visit our website: [www.cwwtpr.com](http://www.cwwtpr.com)

Yours sincerely,



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Anglian Water Services Limited

Enclosures:

- Example s42 Letter
- Example s44 Letter
- Copy of s48 Notice