

Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project
Anglian Water Services Limited

Notification to Section 42 Consultees of Section 42 Consultation

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To whom it may concern,

23 February 2022

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Statutory Consultation

Notice pursuant to Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

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”). Anglian Water sought and obtained a direction from the Secretary of State under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) which confirms that the project will 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 existing 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 CWWTPR 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”).

Consultation on CWWTPR

CWWTPR is currently in the pre-application stage of the DCO application process. As part of that process, the Applicant is required to carry out consultation on the proposed DCO application before it is submitted. We have previously undertaken one round of non-statutory consultation between 08 July 2020 – 14 September 2020 and one round of statutory consultation under section 47 of the 2008 Act between 23 June 2021 – 18 August 2021 (referred to as Phases 1 and 2). The non-statutory Phase 1 consultation introduced the project to consultees and primarily asked for feedback on the three site area options proposed for the relocation. The statutory Phase 2 consultation asked for feedback on the emerging proposals for the facility, mitigation measures, environmental enhancement opportunities and options for how the facility will be accessed.

This current, statutory consultation is our Phase 3 consultation and is being undertaken under sections 42 and 47 of the 2008 Act and your feedback as part of this consultation will be considered before the Applicant finalises the DCO application. Your feedback will also be reported to the Planning Inspectorate in a Consultation Report when the application is submitted. Any representations you have already made in response to our previous phases of consultation will also be reported.

We are writing to you as you have been identified as a consultee for the purpose of section 42 of the 2008 Act and/or Regulation 11 of the 2017 Regulations or, you are a person or body to whom we think our proposals may be of interest.

This consultation includes:

- Consultation with prescribed bodies, host and neighbouring authorities (under sections 42 and 43 of the 2008 Act);
- Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by CWWTPR (under section 44 of the 2008 Act);
- Consultation with the local community in the vicinity of CWWTPR (under section 47 of the 2008 Act); and
- General public consultation on CWWTPR (under section 48 of the 2008 Act).

This consultation will run from 24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022.

In addition, section 48 of the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to publicise its proposed DCO application. Regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations requires the Applicant to provide a copy of the formal notice publicising the proposed application to the parties identified under Regulation 11 and this copy notice is therefore enclosed with this letter.

Consultation materials

The Applicant has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”), which has been informed by the Scoping Opinion issued by the Planning Inspectorate and which reports the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) that has been carried out to date. The PEIR

forms the basis of this consultation and includes a non-technical summary. The purpose of the PEIR is to enable consultees to understand the likely environmental effects of CWWTPR and to help inform consultation responses. It should be noted that the EIA is an ongoing process and the design of CWWTPR will continue to evolve during the pre-application stage. 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.

Hard copies of the Community Consultation Leaflet, Feedback Form and the non-technical summary of the PEIR or a USB device containing the following documents can all be provided free of charge upon request:

1. Notice publicising the proposed DCO application under section 48 of the 2008 Act;
2. The PEIR;
3. A non-technical summary of the PEIR;
4. The Landscape, Ecological and Recreational Management Plan, the Construction Traffic Management Plan, the Travel Plan, the Soil Management Plan and Code of Construction Practice;
5. The draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and Works Plans.

Copies of these documents are also available during Phase 3 consultation from 24 February – 27 April 2022 on the project website document library: [REDACTED] and hard copies are available on request (subject to a charge). Details of the costs are listed below:

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

Consultation events

The Applicant will also be holding multiple community events in public and online throughout the consultation period, details of which are listed below. If you would like to register for the online webinar, this can be requested through the project contact information.

Date	Venue	Time
Wednesday 09 March 2022	Online Webinar	7pm – 8:30pm
Tuesday 15 March 2022	Main Hall, Milton Community Centre	2:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 16 March 2022	Fen Ditton Village Hall	11am – 3pm
Friday 18 March 2022	Main Hall, Quy Village Hall	11am – 3pm
Saturday 19 March 2022	Tillage Hall, Waterbeach 2022	11am – 3pm
Tuesday 22 March 2022	Horningsea Village Hall	3pm - 7pm

How to respond to this consultation

Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on 27 April 2022. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

When providing your response, please include your name and contact details (a postal or email address) and confirm the nature of your interest in CWWTPR. Completed responses must be submitted:

- (a) By emailing: info@cwwtpr.com
- (b) In writing to: FREEPOST CWWTPR


Further information

If you would like further information about this letter, the consultation or CWWTPR, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

Email: info@cwwtpr.com

Post: FREEPOST CWWTPR

Phone: 0808 196 1661

For more information about the project please visit our website: 

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Barclay
Head of CWWTPR Programme
Anglian Water Services Limited

Get in touch

You can contact us by:



Emailing at info@cwwtpr.com



Calling our Freephone information line on **0808 196 1661**



Writing to us at **Freepost: CWWTPR**



Visiting our website at 

You can view all our DCO application documents and updates on the application on The Planning Inspectorate website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/cambridge-waste-water-treatment-plant-relocation/>