

Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project
Anglian Water Services Limited



Informal Targeted Consultation Letter



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24th November 2022

BY HAND

Dear Sir/Madam

**CAMBRIDGE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT RELOCATION PROJECT
NOTICE OF A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER
SECTION 44 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

The Proposed Scheme

Anglian Water Services Limited (“the Applicant”) intends to build a modern, low carbon waste water treatment plant for Greater Cambridge, named the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project (“the relocation project”). 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.

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 project 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 for the relocation project (see below) 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 new facility will be located on a new site to the north of the A14 between Fen Ditton and Horningsea within the Cambridge drainage catchment area, to replace the existing facility 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 sewerage network, including a new pipeline from Waterbeach.

The Applicant intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) for the relocation project. 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

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project will be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”) when the application is submitted.

The DCO application will contain full details of the relocation project 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”).

The requirements for applications to the Secretary of State for a DCO are set out in the Act, and subsequent guidance issued by the Government and Planning Inspectorate (PINS). The relevant information can be found on the PINS website <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>.

Why Anglian Water is writing to you now

We are writing to inform you about the project because we recently became aware of your interest in a property located within the application boundary. Accordingly, you are being consulted on the proposed scheme because you have one or more of the following interests in land that is the subject of the proposed scheme:

- you are an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land which is in our proposed application boundary;
- you have an interest in the land or have the power to sell or convey some of the land which is in our proposed application boundary; or
- your property or land may, in due course, be affected by the carrying out of or the use of the proposed scheme which may entitle you to bring a claim for compensation in the future.

CWWTPR is currently in the pre-application stage of the DCO application process. The project has been engaging with a range of stakeholders and the community since 2020. The project has undertaken three phases of consultation with the community as follows.

- Phase One consultation (non-statutory) on the results of the site selection process undertaken and three site options, held 08 July 2020 and 14 September 2020.
- Phase Two consultation (statutory) following publication of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for the project and consulting on the emerging proposals for the facility, mitigation measures, environmental enhancement opportunities and options for how the facility will be accessed, held 23 June – 18 August 2021.
- Phase Three consultation (statutory) consulting on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, held 24 February – 27 April 2022.

At Phase Three consultation, the Applicant undertook parallel statutory consultation in accordance with Section 42 of the 2008 Act with landowners and interests categorized under Section 44 of the 2008 Act. This statutory consultation was held between 24 February – 27 April 2022. Following the close of Phase Three consultation and Section 42 consultation and owing to minor changes to the order limits and traffic management outside of the order limits, the Applicant carried out targeted consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act with Section 44 consultees between 15 July – 15 August 2022.

Consultation materials

The Applicant 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 was

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consulted on at Phase Three consultation with Section 44 consultees in accordance with Section 42 of the 2008 Act.

As we have recently become aware of your interest in a property located within the application boundary we are providing you with a copy of the consultation materials consulted on at Phase Three consultation for your feedback. The PEIR forms the basis of this consultation with you now 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 3 community consultation leaflet presents and summarises the project proposals following the two earlier Phases of consultation. We request your feedback to the below documents on or before 4 January 2023:

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 and Works Plans

Copies of these documents are available on the project website document library: [redacted] and hard copies are available on request (subject to a charge). 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.

All responses received to the consultation will be reported on in our Consultation Report that accompanies the DCO application to the Secretary of State. Please note that your response to the consultation may be made public, however your identity will remain anonymous.

How to respond to this consultation

Please reply with any comments using the contact details provided below, by **4 January 2023**. If you have any further questions about the relocation project, please get in touch using the contact details below.

Email: [redacted]

Post: FREEPOST CWWTPR

Information Line: 0808 196 1661

Yours faithfully



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Get in touch

You can contact us by:



Emailing at 



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/>