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To the Applicant
(By email only)

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Date: 24 May 2023

Dear Ms Barclay

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 51

Application by Anglian Water for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plan Relocation Project

Advice following issue of decision to accept the application for examination

On 24 May 2023 the Secretary of State decided that the application for the above project satisfied the acceptance tests under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). The Planning Inspectorate's acceptance checklist and the application documents have been published and made available on the project page of our website.

In undertaking checks at the acceptance stage, the Inspectorate has made some initial observations in relation to the application. This letter comprises advice to the Applicant provided under section 51 of the PA2008 in respect of these initial observations. The Applicant should pay attention to its content and consider how appropriate action might be taken in response.

Habitats Regulations Assessment Report

A HRA Screening Report (**Doc 5.4.8.15**) containing the information referred to in the Schedule of Amendments (**Doc 1.8**) should be supplied.

Environmental Statement (ES)

The Applicant is advised to check the following documents:

ES **Chapter 3**, Figures 3.1 and 6.1 to 6.4 (**Doc 5.2.3**) are embedded in the text and the background mapping is indistinct.

ES **Chapter 5** (**Doc 5.2.5**) refers to a Commitments Register. The Schedule of Amendments (Doc 1.8) indicates this should refer to the mitigation register (**ES Chapter 2, Appendix 2.6, Doc 5.4.2.6**).

General comments

The Applicant is advised to check the documents carefully for errors in text, headings, document names, and correct use of terms in relation to legislation, for example a few minor errors remain in the Consents and Other Permits Register, such as, 'ecology protected species' rather than 'European protected species' (in several places), and 'The Wildlife Act 1981'. **Appendix 6.1.5** of the **Consultation Report (Doc 6.1)** is given the title **Application Document Reference 6.1.4** on the first page of the document.

Works Plan (Doc 4.3)

Within Sheet 11 of the Works Plan (Doc 4.3) west of work number 6, a plot is shown as 'Future Works' without a work number.

Land Plan (Doc 4.4) and Book of Reference (Doc 3.3)

Descriptions of plots in the **Book of Reference (Doc 3.3)** could be improved, for example:

003b (missing Cowley Road)

071d (should be southeast)

022n (should be B1047 Horningsea Road and A14 where they meet – not described overly well)

025b (should include reference to junction 34)

Consultees identified on a precautionary basis

Given the individual circumstances of this case, the Planning Inspectorate advises taking a precautionary approach to consultation under s42(1)(a) of PA2008 to ensure that all persons potentially affected by, or potentially likely to have an interest in the application are given the opportunity to participate fully in the Examination of the application. On this basis, the Applicant may wish to serve notice on the bodies listed in Box 6 of the section 55 checklist when it serves notice of the accepted application under s56(2)(a) of the PA2008; unless there is a specific justification why this is not necessary.

Errors and omissions

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Previous Section 51 Advice

The Applicant is further advised to refer to Section 51 advice previously provided by the Planning Inspectorate on [22 September 2022](#), and [9 March 2023](#).

Please pay close attention to the advice set out in this letter and act on it accordingly. It is requested that you action these points before or during the Relevant Representation

period. This will contribute towards a more efficient examination and give any future Examining Authority comfort that the documentation is complete and accurate.

We trust you find this advice helpful, however if you have any queries on these matters please do not hesitate to contact our office using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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