

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION
FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE (ON
BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL
AFFAIRS) UNDER SECTION 56 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

**Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

REGULATION 9 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE)
REGULATIONS 2009
REGULATION 16 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application by Anglian Water Services Limited of Lancaster House, Lancaster Way, Ermine Business Park, Huntingdon, PE29 6XU ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008. The Application (Reference No. WW010003) was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 28 April 2023 and was accepted on 24 May 2023 ("the Application").

Summary of the Project

The Application is for development consent to construct, operate and maintain the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project (the 'proposed WWTP'). The proposed WWTP involves the construction of a new waste water treatment plant and sludge treatment centre together with the associated waste water and final effluent transfer infrastructure, comprising a waste water transfer tunnel from the existing Cambridge WWTP to the proposed WWTP, final effluent and storm pipeline with an outfall to the River Cam, and two new pipelines (rising mains) (the Waterbeach Pipeline) from the Waterbeach New Town development area off Bannold Drove (Waterbeach) to the proposed WWTP, either via the existing works or direct. Other ancillary development includes a new access road connecting the proposed WWTP to the local road network at Horningsea Road and the interception and diversion of several rising mains at the site of the existing Cambridge WWTP to relocate their discharge point from the existing Inlet Works to the new waste water transfer tunnel. Collectively, all elements are referred to as the 'proposed WWTP'.

The relocation will enable the delivery of South Cambridgeshire District's and Cambridge City Council's Area Action Plan for a new low carbon city district in North East Cambridge, which could create 8,350 homes and 15,000 jobs over the next 20 years.

The purpose of the proposed WWTP will be to treat all waste water from the Cambridge catchment and wet sludge from the wider region as the existing Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant currently does. It will also have the capacity to treat the waste water from the Waterbeach catchment and all anticipated housing growth in the combined Cambridge and Waterbeach catchment area. This is as identified in the housing trajectory included in the First Proposals version of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan (which identifies all anticipated delivery to 2041), with the ability to accommodate further growth to the 2080s and beyond, including the homes that will continue to be built at the strategic sites (including Waterbeach, North East Cambridge and East Cambridge) beyond 2041.

A map showing the location of the proposed WWTP forms part of the Application and can be viewed at the following link:

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

Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. In accordance with section 35 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State may give a direction for development to be treated as development for which development consent is required. The proposed WWTP will be the first waste water project to seek a Development Consent Order that is not specifically named in the National Policy Statement (NPS). The Applicant sought and obtained a direction from the Secretary of State under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 that the project is to be treated as a development of national significance. It is for this reason that the project falls within the remit of the Secretary of State as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

The Development Consent Order would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily.

Environmental Impact Assessment Development:

The proposed WWTP constitutes environmental impact assessment development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an Environmental Statement accompanies the Application.

Application form and accompanying documents:

The Application form and the accompanying documents, plans, maps and Environmental Statement (ES) and Non Technical Summary (NTS) can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the documents tab:

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

The documents will be available on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website throughout the examination period. The link to the Application documents listed on PINS can also be found on the Applicant's website at [REDACTED]

The documents will be made available on the Applicant's website until at least 19th July 2023.

Copies may also be purchased from the project team using the contact details at the end of this notice. Copies of the suite of application documents can be obtained for a charge of £3,000 (plus postage) for hard copies. On request, a USB containing these documents will be provided free of charge. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a charge may apply.

For enquiries in relation to the Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps, the project team can be contacted via email: info@cwwtpr.com or telephone: 0808 196 1661.

Representations:

Any representations (giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form. The Registration and Relevant Representation Form will be made available online by the Planning Inspectorate once the registration/representation period has opened on the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project page on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

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

If you would like to request a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should be sent to **The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN**. The Planning Inspectorate can also be contacted through their project-specific email address: cambridgewwtp@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. The Planning Inspectorate reference for the Application (WW010003) should be quoted in any correspondence.

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notice 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination, provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation (December 2016) and can be accessed via the following link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-2-how-to-register-to-participate-in-an-examination/>

The period for submitting representations will commence on **14 June 2023** and will end at **11.59pm on 19 July 2023**.

In submitting a representation, it should be noted that personal data and correspondence relating to any representation will be made publicly available. If you do not wish personal data to be made publicly available, you should state why when submitting the representation. The Planning Inspectorate will publish the representations with your name removed, however, the representations may give them less weight during the Examination as a result.