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## Glossary

Term	Definition
The Applicant	Anglian Water Services Limited
The Application	Referring to the application for a Development Consent Order
APFP Regulations	Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure Regulations (2009)
Core Consultation Zone	<p>A Core Consultation Zone first defined at Phase One consultation as being a zone which extends by a minimum distance of 1km from the centre point of the site area options. This also extends by a minimum of 200m from any infrastructure associated with the development, including a rising main to transfer waste water from Waterbeach to the new site. This principle has been applied as the consultation area has been refined following the site selection.</p> <p>Properties within the Core Consultation Zone have been directly sent consultation materials by post.</p>
DCLG Guidance	Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG, 2015)
Development Consent Order (DCO)	An order made under the Planning Act 2008 granting development consent for One or more Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP).
EIA Regulations	The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
Environmental Assessment (EIA)	Impact A statutory process by which certain planned projects must be assessed before a formal decision to proceed can be made. It involves the collection and consideration of environmental information, which fulfils the assessment requirements of the EIA Directive and EIA Regulations, including the publication of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report.
Green Belt	Land designated as Green Belt in the local development plan.
Non-prescribed consultee	Organisations that the Local Planning Authorities and/or PINS may choose to engage (if, for example, there are planning policy reasons to do so) who are not designated in law but are likely to have an interest in a proposed development, and have been identified by the Applicant.
Phase One consultation	Refers to the first Phase of Section 47 community consultation (Phase Two consultation) was held from 23 June – 18 August 2021.



Phase Three consultation	Refers to the second Phase of Section 47 statutory consultation (Phase Three consultation) was held from 24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022.
<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Planning Act 2008	The key legislation providing for national policy guidance to assist in the delivery of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). The 2008 Act led to the development of National Policy Statements (NPSs) to guide the decision-making processes for NSIPs.
Planning Inspectorate (PINS)	The executive agency sponsored by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities which deals with planning appeals, national infrastructure planning applications, examinations of local plans and other planning-related and specialist casework in England.
Project Change	Amendments made to the project design as a result of feedback from consultation.
Proposed Development	Refers to the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project that is being applied for in the Application for a Development Consent Order.
Red line boundary	Defined as being the order limits or project boundary of the Development Consent Order for the Proposed Development
Section 42 consultees	To include the relevant prescribed consultees as defined in Regulation 3 of the APFP Regulations and, more specifically, listed in Schedule 1 to those Regulations, and including those bodies notified to the Applicant pursuant to Regulation 11(1)(c) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”) as well as further ‘nonprescribed’ consultees in addition to this and as fully listed in Appendix 6.1.5: Consultees Consulted under Section 42 of Planning Act 2008.
Section 47 consultees	Community and other organisations in the ‘vicinity’ of the Proposed Development who may be affected both directly and indirectly by the Development (in accordance with Section 47 of the 2008 Planning Act).
Wider consultation area	Referring to the area notifying the neighboring area to the Core Consultation Zone of the consultation by advertising in local media, placing local notices and using social media.

## Acronyms



<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition</b>
APFP	Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009
ANPR	Automatic Number Plate Recognition Systems
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
CAP	Community Access Points
CHET	Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Team
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
CCS	Considerate Constructors Scheme
CWG	Community Working Group
CWS	Country Wildlife Site
CWWTPR	Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
DCO	Development Consent Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
GCSP	Greater Cambridgeshire Shared Planning Service
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HIF	Housing Infrastructure Fund
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
LGV	Light Goods Vehicle
LPA	Local Planning Authority
LERMP	Landscape, Ecological and Recreational Management Plan
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
MP	Member of Parliament
NECAAP	North East Cambridge Area Action Plan
NMU	Non-Motorised User
NPS	National Policy Statement
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
PRoW	Public Right of Way
RAG	Red, Amber, Green appraisal





SHH	Save Honey Hill
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
SoS	Secretary of State
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
STC	Sludge Treatment Centre
<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition</b>
WWTP	Waste Water Treatment Plant
USB	Universal Serial Bus
TWG	Topic Working Group
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical View



## Summary

### Background

The proposed Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation (referred to hereafter as the 'Proposed Development') project brought forward by Anglian Water Services Limited (hereafter referred to as 'the Applicant' or 'Anglian Water') 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 in late 2021. The Councils have also now completed the preparation of the Proposed Submission North East Cambridge Area Action Plan (NECAAP) Regulation 19 which went through respective District and City Council Committee cycles between 30 November 2021 and 11 January 2022 and will be subject to public consultation prior to submission for examination, 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 Proposed Development will be the first waste water project to seek a Development Consent Order (DCO) that is not specifically named in the National Policy Statement for Waste Water (NPS). The Applicant 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 Proposed Development is an 'EIA development' for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment is required and the proposed application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES). The relevant notification to the Planning Inspectorate pursuant to Regulations 8(1)(b) was provided to the Planning Inspectorate on 21 September 2021 (as shown in Appendix 6.1.33 and as per Section 4.3 of this report).

The Applicant has endeavoured to undertake an iterative, open and meaningful preapplication consultation with all consultees and seeks to demonstrate the extensive consultation and engagement that has taken place with statutory consultees, landowners, interest groups and members of the public and how the feedback received has influenced the final design of the Proposed Development in this Consultation Report.

### Pre-application consultation overview

This Consultation Report accompanies the DCO application (the 'Application') by the



Applicant to the Secretary of State under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the '2008 Act'). The DCO would grant powers to construct, operate, use and maintain the Proposed Development.

This Consultation Report has been prepared to satisfy Section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act and follows guidance provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG, 2015): Guidance on the pre-application process, the Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 as amended (the APFP Regulations), the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 14: Compiling the Consultation Report. The Consultation Report demonstrates how the Applicant has complied with all relevant legislation and guidance and provides further details regarding non-statutory consultation undertaken for the Proposed Development. The structure and explanation of this Consultation Report is provided below.

In accordance with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant undertook preapplication consultation on the Development ahead of submission of the Application with the following consultees:

- Prescribed bodies (in accordance with Section 42(1)(a)) of the 2008 Act;
- The relevant local authorities pursuant to Section 43 of the 2008 Act;
- Those with an interest in the land (in accordance with Section 42(1)(d) and as set out in Section 44 in the 2008 Act);
- Community and other organisations in the 'vicinity' of the Proposed Development who may be affected both directly and indirectly by the Development (in accordance with Section 47 of the 2008 Act); and
- Wider communities and organisations (local, national and regional) in order to seek their comments on the Development proposals (in accordance with Sections 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act).

To note for this project there is no requirement to consult with the MMO (in accordance with Section 42 (1)(aa) of the 2008 Act nor is the project located with the Greater London Authority.

The Applicant consulted with local authorities in accordance with Section 43(1) of the 2008 Act. A list of all Section 43(1) local authorities, labelled A-D as defined in Section 43 is provided in Table 7-1.

The Applicant commenced regular meetings with the host authorities South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City and neighbour East Cambridgeshire District as well as the nonprescribed consultee Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as early as June 2020 and continued this engagement throughout the pre-application consultation. Early engagement was held as part of the Phase One non-statutory consultation the Applicant undertook from 08 July – 14 September 2020 on the site selection for the Proposed Development (see Section 5 of this report).



This Phase One non-statutory consultation was focused on consulting on the site selection process for identifying the preferred site for the Proposed Development and the three possible site options for consultation. In response to the feedback received and in consideration to other factors set out in the Site Selection Report (see Appendix 6.1.15 of this report), a site selection decision was made in January 2021.

Phase One (non-statutory consultation) consultation received:

- 1766 responses to the digital engagement platform
- 87 attendees to our community webinars
- 559 completed hard copy feedback forms.

It should be acknowledged that from 23 March 2020, when the UK Government announced the commencement of a national 'lockdown' and legal restrictions on everyday life due to COVID-19, the Applicant has been required to undertake statutory and non-statutory consultation and engagement in accordance with national restrictions and guidance relevant at the time. The following guidance regarding consultation during COVID-19 restrictions was followed:

- The Planning Inspectorate updated Advice Note 14: Compiling the Consultation Report ('Advice Note 14').
- The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 were amended in December 2020, meaning that a hard copy of the consultation materials is no longer required to be placed on deposit for public inspection.

Following the Phase One non-statutory consultation on site selection, statutory community consultation under Section 47 of the 2008 Act occurred in two phases (referred to as 'Phase Two' and 'Phase Three' consultation). This was to enable the iterative development of the Proposed Development in accordance with feedback received during the course of the consultation process.

Under Section 47 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant developed a draft SoCC and consulted on this from 18 February – 19 March 2021 with the following local authorities:

- Cambridgeshire County Council
- South Cambridgeshire District Council
- Cambridge City Council
- East Cambridgeshire District Council

In response to the comments received, the Applicant made changes to the SoCC as set out in Table 5-2 of this report.

The final SoCC was published on 09 June 2021 as set out in Section 6 of this Consultation Report.



The two statutory Phases of Section 47 community consultation ran as follows:

- a first Phase of Section 47 community consultation (referred to as Phase Two consultation) was held from 23 June – 18 August 2021;
- a second Phase of Section 47 statutory consultation (referred to as Phase Three consultation) was held from 24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022. This was held in parallel with consultation under Sections 42 and 48 of the 2008 Act.

Each phase of consultation exceeded the 28-day statutory response period requirement.

Phase Two consultation received:

- 1650 visits to the digital engagement platform
- 245 comments to the digital platform
- 300 completed hard copy feedback forms
- 60 attendees to the community webinars.
- 39 attendees across the Two face-to-face events that were held when COVID19 restrictions eased.

Phase Three consultation received:

- 122 people attended across the five in person consultation events that were arranged as COVID-19 restrictions had eased
- 226 visitors to the Digital Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
- 2148 visitors to the digital engagement platform with 151 respondents
- 186 completed hard copy feedback forms.

Statutory consultation was undertaken with those parties set out in Section 42 of the 2008 Act including the prescribed bodies as defined in Regulation 3 and Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations, the local authorities pursuant to Section 43 and those parties falling within the categories listed in Section 44 (see Appendix 6.1.32). In addition, the Applicant scoped in 67 non-prescribed organisations to be consulted (see Appendix 6.1.5: Consultees Consulted under Section 42 of Planning Act 2008). The consultees listed in Appendix 6.1.15 and 6.1.32 are referred to as the 'Section 42 consultees'. All Section 42 consultees were formally notified of the Section 42 consultation on 24 February 2022 and were given a consultation deadline of 27 April 2022 (allowing for more than the required statutory minimum of a 28day consultation period).

In response 34 responses were received to the Section 42 consultation, including five responses from Section 44 landowners.

No responses were received specifically in relation to the Section 48 publication notice.

As required under Section 48 of the 2008 Act and Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning



(Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ('APFP regulations'), the proposed Application was publicised in local and national newspapers as detailed in Section 8 of this Consultation Report.

Extensive non-statutory consultation has also taken place with technical consultees (see Section 4 of this report) to inform the environmental impact assessment ('EIA') process and to identify key impacts, constraints and design changes as well as engagement on opportunities to deliver biodiversity net gain, landscaping enhancements and other local improvements. This has included the formation of multiple Technical Working Groups ('TWG') which includes Traffic and Access, Biodiversity and Ecology, Water resources, Landscape and Heritage, Public Rights of Way and Environmental Health.

Ongoing and extensive consultation with the community has taken place since June 2020. This process has included the formation of a Community Working Group ('CWG') containing an independent Chair and representatives from local authorities, local parish councils and representatives from the community group Save Honey Hill. See Section 4 of this Consultation Report.

Extensive consultation with landowners has taken place since March 2020, with the Applicant undertaking statutory requirements as set out in Section 44 and 42 of the 2008 Act and as detailed further in Section 7 of this report.

Following the close of Phase Three community 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, as detailed in Section 10 of this Report.

## Strategic development options and changes

The project design has evolved iteratively in response to feedback received throughout the pre-application consultation with the community, landowners, and prescribed consultees. By undertaking iterative consultation, consultees have been able to observe how their feedback has influenced the proposals as the final design has evolved.

A summary of the macro changes to the Proposed Development in response to feedback is presented in the table below and Figures 1.1 - 1.3. Full details of these design changes in response to the consultation process are captured in the Design and Access Statement, App Doc Ref 7.6.

All responses to the consultation under Sections 42, 43, 44, 47 and 48 received during the consultation period (including late submissions) have been considered by the Applicant in compliance with Section 49 of the 2008 Act. To the extent that they raised matters which could reasonably be addressed, responses have been taken into account by the Applicant in the preparation of the Application. The Applicant's responses to the feedback are detailed in this Consultation Report as follows:



- Section 9: Summary of comments received to the Section 47 consultation and how the Applicant has responded;
- Section 10: Summary of comments received to the Section 42 consultation and how the Applicant has responded;
- Appendix 6.1.2: Documents all comments received to the Section 47 consultation and how the Applicant has responded;
- Appendix 6.1.3: Documents all comments received to the Section 42 consultation and how the Applicant has responded.

**A summary of the macro issues raised through consultation and the Applicant’s regard to these issues.**

Key Issue	Applicant Response
<p><a href="#">Identifying the appropriate site area for the Proposed Development</a></p>	<p><u>The Applicant’s site selection methodology has been shared with stakeholders and appropriate site area communities (as provided in Appendix 6.1.15 to this report). This included presenting for the Proposed three possible site areas through a non-statutory round of consultation in July 2020 Development (see executive summary figure).</u></p> <p><u>Feedback received to this non-statutory round of consultation was considered, as set out in the Applicant’s Consultation Summary Report, published in November 2020 (see Appendix 6.1.14 to this report). The selected site area was found on balance, to perform best across a range of key assessment criteria. The site also presents greater opportunities to protect and enhance the surrounding environment, deliver improved habitats for wildlife and create increased access and connectivity so that people can enjoy the Greater Cambridge countryside, delivering on many of the things communities and consultees identified as being most important to them through consultation feedback.</u></p> <p><del>Identifying the The Applicant’s site selection methodology has been shared with stakeholders and appropriate site area communities (as provided in Appendix 6.1.15 to this report). This included presenting for the Proposed three possible site areas through a non-statutory round of consultation in July 2020 Development (see executive summary figure).</del></p> <p><del>Feedback received to this non-statutory round of consultation was considered, as set out in the Applicant’s Consultation Summary Report, published in November 2020 (see Appendix 6.1.14 to this report). The selected site area was found on balance, to perform best across a range of key assessment criteria. The site also presents greater opportunities to protect and enhance the surrounding environment, deliver improved habitats for wildlife and create increased access and connectivity so that people can enjoy the Greater Cambridge countryside, delivering on many of the things communities and consultees identified as being most important to them through consultation feedback.</del></p>



The Applicant went on to develop three initial design options for the site, each responding to the key constraints in slightly different ways. These included a triangle, rotunda and green fingers design options. The three design options were presented to and discussed with the Design Council in March 2021, and high-level technical appraisals were carried out for each option by the Applicant’s design team. The Design Council commended the landscape-led approach to design, and expressed a preference for the “the design simplicity and all-round potential” of the rotunda option. Early engagement on the three emerging design concepts took place with environmental stakeholder groups including Natural England, National Trust, RSPB, Wildlife Trust, Cam Valley Forum, Quy Fen Trustees and the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSP) representing South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council.

Following the stakeholder feedback and the Applicant’s appraisals, the rotunda option was taken forward for consultation at Phase Two consultation and its design evolved through consultation with the community and technical consultees through the iterative pre-application consultation process.

~~Mitigating potential visual impacts and impacts to the local environment.~~

~~Throughout the design evolution of the Proposed Development the Applicant has placed mitigating impacts at the core of the design. As set out in the Applicant’s Design and Access Statement App Doc Ref 7.6, the masterplan has sought to minimise the total land take for the Proposed Development. This includes minimising land required for development through efficient planning and optimising the area around it to integrate the Proposed Development into the countryside and best mitigate its impact on the landscape and Green Belt. These studies concluded that~~





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~~The Applicant proposed a circular earthwork bank to envelope and effectively screen all but the tallest elements of the Proposed Development from all directions. The Applicant has committed to further screening through landscaping and planting measures, including on site and initial planting as outlined in the LERMP Appendix 9.14 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.14).~~

~~Key changes to the evolution of the landscape design in response to Phase Two and Phase Three consultation have included the removal of the engineered screen from the earth bank, replaced by mature planting on top of the earth bank. The Applicant has also reviewed the engineering design of the Proposed Development and has committed to the anaerobic digesters being the tallest elements being no taller than a maximum of 20 metres. This is a reduction from the previous 26 metres maximum. The maximum heights of other structures have also been reduced, as presented in Table 9.2 of this report. Furthermore, the massing of the buildings has been reduced. A further review of the landscape design following Phase Three and Section 42 consultation creates a design that aligns with the planting and shape of existing vegetation in order fit into the local landscape character.~~



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The importance of open green spaces and connectivity

The new landscape at the Proposed Development creates a series of new recreational connections, on site and linking to the wider recreational network. The LERMP Appendix 8.14 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.14), illustrates the connectivity to the existing public rights of way network. On the site itself, new links will be created for pedestrians and recreational cyclists, as set out in the LERMP and Section 6 and 7 of the Design and Access Statement App Doc Ref 7.6.

As has been raised as a concern through consultation with the community, the Applicant confirms that the green space is not intended as a recreational destination in its own right. The aim is to create connectivity to the surrounding area. The landscape masterplan provides alternative access and routing for recreational use by pedestrians and those on non-motorised transport through the area and in so doing diffuses and disperses footfall by offering more choice and creating positive experiences for recreational users of this area within the wider landscape.

A new bridleway to the east of the Proposed Development was proposed early in the process, linking the permissive path on Low Fen Drove Way with routes to Stow cum Quy. The Applicant has been committed to continuing to work with stakeholders, including Cambridgeshire County Council through the Public Right of Way Technical Working Group, in the delivery of the new bridleway and circular routes.



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**Odour mitigation**      From the outset, the Applicant has committed to delivering ‘negligible’ odour levels for existing high sensitivity receptors (people’s homes and public rights of way) in line with the Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) guidance.

Minimising odour was a strong consideration in the Applicant’s site selection for the Proposed Development, as set out in the Site Selection Report App Doc Ref 6.1.15.

The Applicant’s design for the Proposed Development has been developed to minimise odour at the source where practicable by embedding solutions in the design of the facility and utilising latest technologies.

The Preliminary Odour Management Plan, Appendix 18.4 (App Doc Ref 5.4.18.4), outlines the measures that have been developed and are embedded in the Design and Management Plan to manage potential odour impacts. This includes design changes in response to consultation feedback, including the design modification to only include one vent shaft and to locate this at the interception shaft in the existing facility boundary. Further information on odour mitigation is available in App Doc Ref 5.2.18 Environmental Statement, Chapter 18: Odour.

The Applicant held a site visit at the existing Milton facility with a group of landowners on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022. There was a further site visit on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 with community representatives. The purpose of these visits was to demonstrate odour levels and how the design changes for the Proposed Development will reduce odour to a negligible level.

**Promoting biodiversity net ~~gain~~ gain**      The Proposed Development will deliver a minimum of 20% biodiversity net ~~gain~~ gain (BNG) on the site of the proposed waste water treatment plant. Discussions with stakeholders have been ongoing since the inception of the project in order to enable the potential to connect to the Cambridge Nature Network, enhancing ecological connectivity.

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Further details on the BNG assessment are provided in App Doc Ref 5.2.8 ES Chapter: Environmental Statement - Technical Chapters, Chapter 8: Biodiversity.



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A comprehensive outline LERP Appendix 8.14 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.14), sets out the proposed measures for the implementation, establishment and management of a range of habitats across the Proposed Development.

The low carbon status of the Proposed Development and how embedded carbon has been calculated

As one of the largest energy users in the East of England, the Applicant is committed to reaching net zero carbon operational emissions by 2030. The Applicant's design vision goes beyond just building a new plant. It isn't simply about moving an old facility to a new location. The plant is planned to become a flagship water recycling centre, marking a significant step forward in process efficiency and environmental performance. The new facility will significantly reduce operational carbon emissions compared to the existing Cambridge waste water treatment plant.

The Applicant is committed to achieving a 70% reduction in capital carbon for the Proposed Development compared with a 2010 baseline. The Applicant has also committed to installing solar panels within the Proposed Development, which are set to produce up to 7 Giga Watts/hrs of clean electricity per year. Alongside this the Proposed Development will generate biogas which, when processed and exported into the local gas network, will be used to heat the homes of the local community as a renewable fuel source.

Chapter 10 of the Environmental Statement, App Doc Ref 5.2.10 Environmental Statement – Technical Chapters, Carbon Chapter) provides information on [carbon calculations regarding the decommissioning of the existing facility, construction of the Proposed Development \(embedded carbon in materials\), land use change \(the net impact land permanently required for the Proposed Development\) and the operation of the Proposed Development.](#)

[Carbon of the existing Cambridge WWTP is not part of the scope of the Proposed Development. That work will be completed by the future developer of the core site and considered as part of a separate planning application. It is likely to include the effects of emissions from plant used in demolition and the offset associated with the re-use of materials including secondary aggregate, recovered steel and equipment. The wider effects of changing the existing Cambridge WWTP are set out in a separate strategic assessment.](#)



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The Applicant has sought to consider views from both the Design Council, a local design panel and technical and community stakeholders. Whereas the direction from the professional experts was for a more ‘striking’ architectural finish, the Applicant received feedback to its Phase Two consultation from the community for an overall preference for ‘more natural finishes to blend in with the landscape’. Furthermore, the community expressed a preference for a ‘more organic, planted screen’, which resulted in the engineered screen structure being replaced with mature planting. A more natural colour palette for the anaerobic digesters was preferred, reflecting a sky-like finish.



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Specific workshops were held with members of the Community Working Group and Technical Working Groups on landscape (29 September 2021) and connectivity (30 September 2021). The purpose of these workshops was to gain a deeper understanding of the responses that stakeholders had given on these topics at Phase Two consultation. Following Section 42 consultation an additional meeting was held with Landscape, Heritage and Ecology Council Officers on 14 June 2022 in order to go through the reviewed design and take on board additional comments.

Vehicle access to the Proposed Development and measures to manage potential effects of traffic

The Applicant consulted on three construction and operational traffic access options for the Proposed Development at Phase Two consultation. The feedback received during Phase Two consultation demonstrated what an important issue the chosen permanent access option for the new facility is for many people, particularly regarding road safety and the volume of HGVs using the road network.

There was an overwhelming preference from the community in response to the Phase Two consultation for 'Option 3', a new junction on the north side of the A14. However, the Applicant has had regard also to the feedback from key statutory consultees including the Highways Authorities. National Highways and Cambridgeshire County Council confirmed that allowing access directly from the A14 would be contrary to Department for Transport policy.

The Applicant's wider technical appraisal showed a viable alternative to Option 3 in Option 1. It was a difficult decision for the Applicant to make knowing the community's clear preference for Option 3. However, when considering the analysis alongside stakeholder advice that a new junction to allow access directly from the A14 would only be acceptable where there were no viable alternatives, the Applicant selected Option 1: access off Junction 34 (Fen Ditton). Traffic impacts for this option were assessed and presented in the PEIR, consulted on at Phase Three consultation.

A CWG meeting on traffic options on 13 December 2021, described, in detail, the process that had been gone through to reach a decision on traffic access. Option 1 had Two options A and B. Following further consultation with the community, Option B was preferred, as it provided for vehicles

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Owing to changes made to the Scheme Order Limits and traffic management following feedback received during the second statutory Phase Two consultation period, the Applicant undertook an additional round of targeted statutory consultation under Section 42(1) of the 2008 Act.

The traffic and transport chapter App Doc Ref 5.2.19 Environmental Statement, Chapter 19: Traffic and Transport) describes the mitigation measures designed to minimise vehicle movements and control vehicle movements coinciding with morning and afternoon peaks, and the measures put in place to stop vehicles travelling through villages. Measures to control traffic are set out within the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP).

Gateway building and  
Discovery  
Centre

Initial designs for the Gateway Building were provided at Phase Two consultation. These designs took into consideration comments from the Design Council and were architecturally driven. Responses were mixed between those in favour and those who commented that they wanted the building to be “hidden”. The project team took these comments into consideration.

At Phase Three consultation an amended design sought to reduce the visual impact of the building further. Again, there were mixed comments between those in favour and those in the local community who sought further mitigation of the impact. Following Phase Three consultation the design incorporates local community feedback and now reflects an architectural design that has significantly reduced the visual impact of the Gateway Building. The building is now more integrated within the earth bank structure with more defined planting. The car park uses extra planting and the creation of earth bunds to ensure that the designs sit sensitively within the landscape.



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<p>The impacts of the construction Phase for the Proposed Development</p>	<p>The Applicant has developed a series of management plans to demonstrate how potential impacts will be mitigated throughout the construction phase of the Proposed Development. These include a Code of Construction Practice, Air Quality Management Plan, Community Liaison Plan and Construction Traffic Management Plan.</p> <p>The Applicant has reviewed the design of the Proposed Development to reduce potential impacts of construction. This includes design measures such as relocating the temporary construction Shaft 4, early construction of a new vehicle access, early planting and amendments of the Scheme Order Limits to aid access. This also includes management measures set out in the management plans above, such as preventing HGV's entering the villages, reporting procedure on construction traffic, use of ANPR technology. As well as a suite of construction management plans the <a href="#">Applicant will sign up to the commitments in the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS).</a></p> <p><del>Applicant will sign up to the commitments in the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS).</del></p>
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Design of the ~~outfall~~ [outfall](#) The proposed outfall has been designed to balance the engineering requirements with environmental input aimed at reducing as far as practicable the landscape and visual impacts (amongst others) during construction and operation. This has included significant consultation with technical stakeholders. All activities for the engineering works both within and outside of the Landscape Masterplan area, will be controlled during construction and reinstated as per the commitments within the Code of Construction Practice, the Environmental Statement (ES) and secured through the Development Consent Order (DCO) requirements. To achieve Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) in the riverside area the Applicant is proposing new wet ditches, which in time will establish reedbed habitats for wildlife such as aquatic invertebrates, water vole and birds.



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Heritage (setting of Biggin Abbey)

Technical stakeholders such as Historic England, Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Team (CHET) and the Greater Cambridge Planning Service Conservation Officer have been consulted throughout pre-application phases, together with other local and district councils within the study area of the Proposed Development. This includes South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridge City Council, Fen Ditton Parish Council and Hovingdean Parish Council. The approach and methodology for assessment of the historic environment was agreed with technical stakeholders in the Historic Environment Technical Working Group.

During construction there will be temporary, moderate adverse impact to Baits Bite Lock Conservation Area, Biggin Abbey and Poplar Hall. Permanent impacts on the heritage value of the surrounding conservation areas are assessed as being a slight adverse effect which are not significant, apart from Biggin Abbey, which due to the setting results in a moderate adverse effect which is significant. Mitigation of construction impact for heritage assets are covered in the CoCP and CTMP. In order to mitigate permanent impact on historic assets, there has been an ongoing review of landscape and design measures. Following Phase Three consultation further modifications have included changing height and massing of building, changes to planting and removal of the proposed intermediate ventilation shafts. A lighting strategy has been created to minimise visual impact.

Engagement has continued engagement with technical stakeholders, including Council Officers, on the impact on historic environment, in order to define areas of agreement around landscape value, heritage, and interpretation of NPS policies, with the aim of reaching an agreement through the Statements of Common Ground. The Applicant is confident that the landscape architects have produced the best balance between visual impact, landscape, and heritage.

Water resources — The Environment Agency was consulted on the scope and methodology of the hydrogeological ~~the~~ the Hydrological Impact Assessment report prepared to support the Final

Site Selection assessment. A draft report was agreed with The Environment Agency and then shared with Natural England and the Internal Drainage Board for further comment following the final site selection. Further detailed modelling work was undertaken and further assessment to support the conclusions and support the Water Resources Chapter of the ES App Doc Ref 5.2.20. Mitigation measures are included within the CoCP and include measures to control and prevent any potential impacts to groundwater sources.



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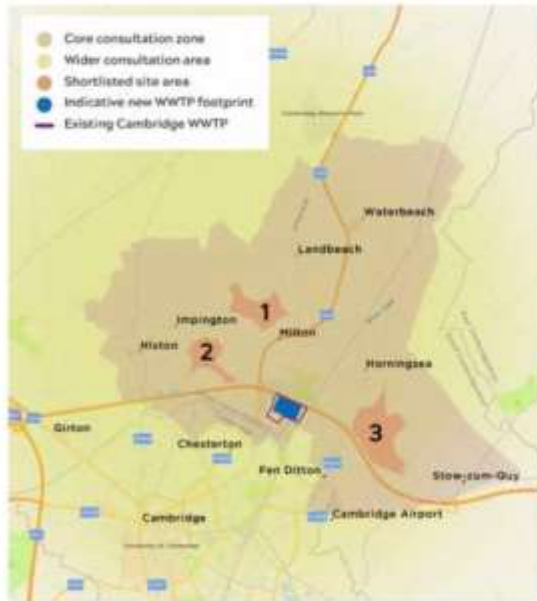
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Waterbeach –  
Construction  
Access

In response to stakeholder comments received during Phase Three consultation and comments to Section 42 consultation on access in Waterbeach during construction, the following changes to the traffic management were made:

- Temporary traffic management powers were incorporated into the draft Development Consent Order to allow the option to restrict car parking at the junction of Denny End Road, Bannold Road and High Street junction in Waterbeach to facilitate safe two-way HGV movements during construction of the Waterbeach pipeline.
- The Order Limits were amended to include the ability to provide a temporary pedestrian access route within a field adjacent to Hatridge’s Lane public adopted highway, which will protect pedestrians by physically segregating them from construction traffic.
- A full review of construction, maintenance and operational access requirements plus review of land and environmental constraints also identified other changes to the Order Limits; for example, operational maintenance and inspection access was added at Gayton Farm; and the construction access via Grange Farm was revised.
- These changes were consulted upon during an additional round of targeted statutory consultation under Section 42(1) of the 2008 Act.

### Phase One



Map of the three shortlisted site areas consulted on at Phase One consultation (08 July – 14 September 2020)

### Phase Two



Aerial sketch of the Proposed Development site design consulted on at Phase Two consultation (23 June – 18 August 2021)

### Phase Three



Aerial sketch of the Proposed Development site design consulted on at Phase Three consultation (24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022)

Figure 1.1 Development of the site area throughout the three phases of consultation

Phase Two



Illustrative visualisation of screening option on top of the earth bank consulted on at Phase Two consultation (23 June – 18 August 2021)

Phase Three



Illustrative visualisation of mature planting on top of earth bank consulted on at Phase Three consultation (24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022)

**Figure 1.2 Development of the earth bank screening presented at phase two and phase three consultation**

### Phase Two



Illustrative visualisation of the Gateway Building with a gabion wall architectural finish consulted on at Phase Two consultation (23 June – 18 August 2021)

### Phase Three



Illustrative visualisation of the Gateway Building showing a more natural entrance to the facility which blends into the earthwork bank and planted screen, consulted on at Phase Three consultation (24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022)

### Post Phase Three



Illustrative visualisation of the Gateway Building following feedback to Phase Three consultation

**Figure 1.3: Development of the Gateway Building design presented at phase two, phase three and post-phase three consultation**









The timeline below summarises in chronological order, the pre-application stages and consultation activities that have taken place up to the point of the Application submission.



Figure 1.4 Timeline of the activities undertaken during the pre-application phase of the Proposed Development

## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Anglian Water Services Limited

1.1.1 Anglian Water Services Limited (‘The Applicant’) is the largest regulated water and water recycling company in England and Wales by geographic area, supplying water and water recycling services to almost seven million people in the East of England and Hartlepool.

1.1.2 The Applicant is committed to bringing environmental and social prosperity to the region they serve, through their commitment to Love Every Drop. As a purpose-led business, The Applicant seeks to contribute to the environmental and social wellbeing of the communities within which they operate. As one of the largest energy users in the East of England, they are also committed to reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

### 1.2 Introduction to the Relocation Project

1.2.1 Anglian Water's Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project (CWWTPRP) ("the Proposed Development") is funded by Homes England, the Government's housing accelerator which seeks to improve neighbourhoods and grow communities by releasing land for development.

1.2.2 The Proposed Development involves the relocation of the existing Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) currently operating at Cowley Road, Cambridge, to a new site between Horningsea, Fen Ditton and Stow cum Quy, adjacent to the A14 in Cambridgeshire.

1.2.3 The relocation would make the site of the existing WWTP available to form part of the development of a new low-carbon city district, known as North East Cambridge. The site at Cowley Road, is Cambridge's last major brownfield site, and the wider North East Cambridge district proposals envisage creating around 8,350 homes and 15,000 jobs over the next 20 years.

1.2.4 North East Cambridge is a highly sustainable location for housing. In addition to the Homes England funding, the area has benefitted from Transport Infrastructure Fund (TIF) funding for Park & Ride, the completion of Cambridge Guided Bus public transport infrastructure, the delivery of the Cambridge North rail station and the Chisholm Trail.

1.2.5 North East Cambridge is one of three key strategic sites which will form "*central building blocks of any future strategy for development*" in the proposed Greater Cambridge Local Plan being jointly prepared by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council that will be subject to public consultation in Autumn



2023. The North East Cambridge Area Action Plan (AAP), currently in "Proposed Submission" form, will be the planning policy framework which ultimately guides the development of North East Cambridge city district.

- 1.2.6 The importance of the Proposed Development, both regionally and nationally, was recognised by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in January 2021, who directed that the Proposed Development is nationally significant and is to be treated as a development for which a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required (see Appendix 1-3 of the Planning Statement, App Doc Ref 7.5).
- 1.2.7 The policy context of the Proposed Development is described in more detail in the Planning Statement (App Doc Ref 7.5)

### 1.3 The Relocation Site

- 1.3.1 The relocation site was selected following comprehensive study and public consultation. The site selection process and consideration of alternatives is described in more detail in Chapter 3: Site Selection and Alternatives of the Environmental Statement (App Doc Ref 5.2.3).
- 1.3.2 The current environmental conditions at the existing Cambridge WWTP site and at the relocation site are described in Chapter 2: Project Description of the Environmental Statement ( App Doc Ref 5.2.2). The site is located to the north-east of Cambridge and 2km to the east of the existing Cambridge WWTP, as shown on the Works Plans ( App Doc Ref 4.3.1). It is situated on arable farmland immediately north of the A14 and east of the B1047 Horningsea Road in the green belt between the villages of Horningsea to the north, Stow cum Quy to the east and Fen Ditton to the south west. Two overhead lines of pylons cross the northern and eastern edges of the main development site and come together with a third line at the north eastern corner of the site. The topography is fairly flat with an approximately 4m fall across the site south west to north east.

### 1.4 Purpose of the Proposed Development

- 1.4.1 The Proposed Development for which the DCO is being sought will deliver all the functions of the existing Cambridge WWTP at Cowley Road, treating all waste water from the Cambridge catchment and wet sludge from the wider region.
- 1.4.2 In addition, it will have an increased capacity, being intended to treat the waste water from the Waterbeach catchment and anticipated housing growth in the combined Cambridge and Waterbeach catchment area.
- 1.4.3 The infrastructure provided as part of the main works will have a design life to at least 2090, and the supporting infrastructure (i.e. the transfer tunnel, pipelines and outfall) will have a designed capacity sufficient to meet population growth projections plus an allowance for climate change into the 2080s. Furthermore, there is capability for expansion in space that has been provided within the earth bank and

by modification, enhancement and optimisation of the design to accommodate anticipated flows into the early 2100s.`

## 1.5 Outline description of the Proposed Development

1.5.1 The DCO application is seeking approval for the following main elements of the Proposed Development:

- an integrated waste water and sludge treatment plant.
- a shaft to intercept waste water at the existing Cambridge WWTP on Cowley Road and a tunnel/ pipeline to transfer it to the proposed WWTP and terminal pumping station. Temporary intermediate shafts to launch and recover the micro-tunnel boring machine.
- a gravity pipeline transferring treated waste water from the proposed WWTP to a discharge point on the River Cam and a pipeline for storm water overflows.
- a twin pipeline transferring waste water from Waterbeach to the existing Cambridge WWTP, with the option of a connection direct in to the proposed WWTP when the existing works is decommissioned.
- on-site buildings, including - a Gateway Building with incorporated Discovery Centre, substation building, workshop, vehicle parking including electrical vehicle charging points, fencing and lighting.
- environmental mitigation and enhancements including substantial biodiversity net gain, improved habitats for wildlife, extensive landscaping, a landscaped earth bank enclosing the proposed WWTP, climate resilient drainage system and improved recreational access and connectivity.
- renewable energy generation via anaerobic digestion which is part of the sludge treatment process that produces biogas designed to be able to feed directly into the local gas network to heat homes, or as an alternative potential future option burnt in combined heat and power engines.
- renewable energy generation via solar photovoltaic and associated battery energy storage system.
- other ancillary development such as internal site access, utilities, including gas, electricity and communications and connection to the site drainage system.
- a new vehicle access from Horningsea Road including for Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) bringing sludge onto the site for treatment and other site traffic.
- Temporary construction works including compounds, temporary highway controls, accesses and signage, fencing and gates, security and safety



measures, lighting, welfare facilities, communication control and telemetry infrastructure.

- Decommissioning works to the existing Cambridge WWTP to cease its existing operational function and to facilitate the surrender of its operational permits including removal of pumps, isolation of plant, electrical connections and pipework, filling and capping of pipework, cleaning of tanks, pipes, screens and other structures, plant and machinery, works to decommission the potable water supply and works to restrict access to walkways, plant and machinery.

1.5.2 Additional elements, together with more information on the above features are provided in Chapter 2: Project Description of the Environmental Statement (App Doc Ref 5.2.2). Principles of Good Design have been used to inform the development of the project, which has been guided by the National Infrastructure Commission's Design Principles, advice from the Design Council and review by the Cambridgeshire Quality Panel, as described in the Design and Access Statement ( App Doc Ref 7.6).

1.5.3 Construction activities, likely to take 3-4 years, will include the creation of a shaft to intercept waste water at the existing Cambridge WWTP and temporary intermediate shafts between the existing Cambridge WWTP and the proposed WWTP to launch and recover a micro-tunnel boring machine. The sequence and location of construction activities are also detailed in Chapter 2: Project Description of the Environmental Statement ( App Doc Ref 5.2.2).

1.5.4 Towards the end of the construction period, commissioning of the Proposed Development will commence, lasting for between 6 months and 1 year.

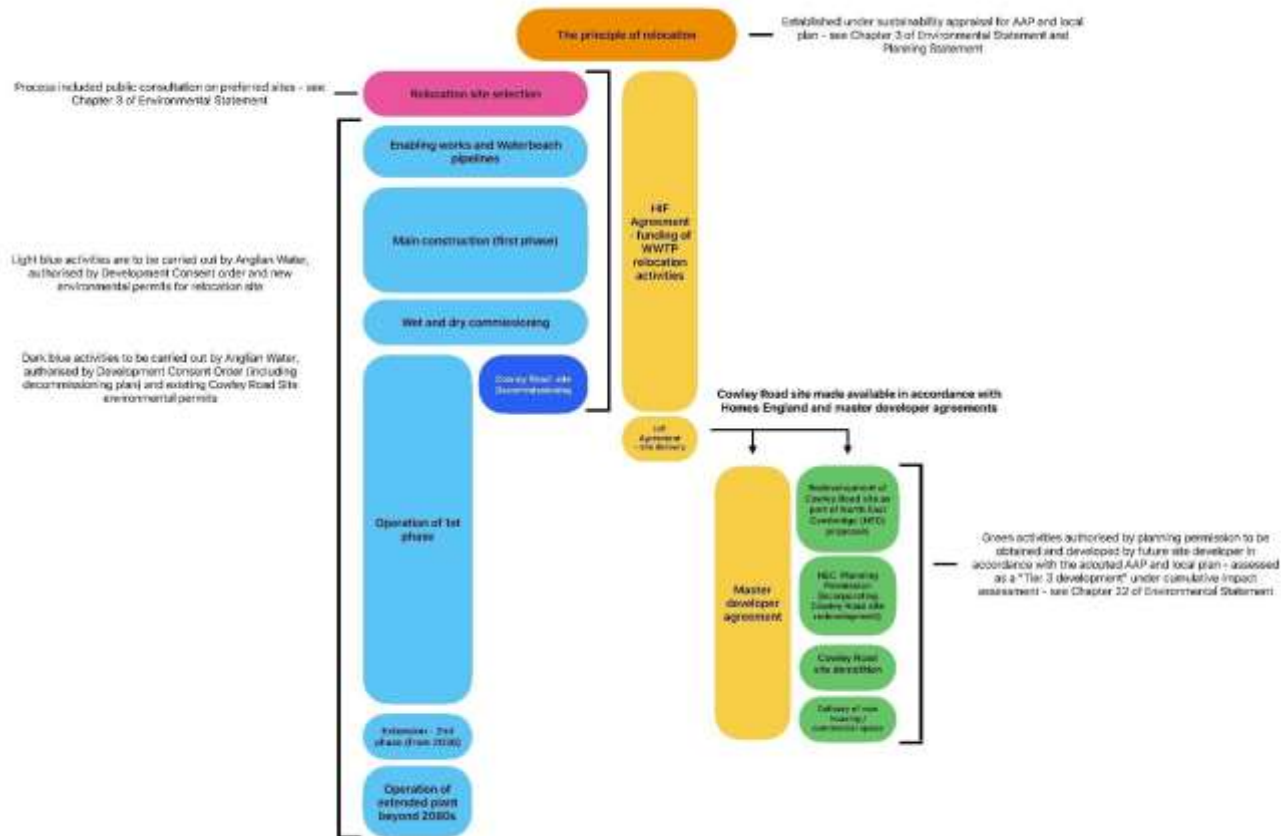
1.5.5 The Proposed Development will also involve the decommissioning of the existing Cambridge WWTP at Cowley Road. This is secured by the Development Consent Order and the Outline Decommissioning Plan (Appendix 2.3, App Doc Ref 5.4.2.3) and involves activities necessary to take the existing plant out of operational use and to surrender its current operational permits.

1.5.6 Following decommissioning, the site of the existing plant will be made available in accordance with agreements already in place with Homes England and with the master developer appointed to deliver the redevelopment of North East Cambridge

1.5.7 Consent is not sought under the Development Consent Order for the subsequent demolition or redevelopment of the Cowley Road site, which, as described in Chapter 2: Project Description of the Environmental Statement ( App Doc Ref 5.2.2) will be consented under a separate and future planning permission, by master developers, U+I and TOWN, appointed under the agreements described above.

1.5.8 The relationship between the Proposed Development, the scope of the draft DCO and the future demolition and redevelopment of the site at Cowley Road is set out in Figure 1.5 [below]

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**Figure 1.5 Scope of the draft DCO and the future demolition and redevelopment of the site at Cowley Road**





## 1.6 The purpose and structure of this consultation report

1.6.1 This Consultation Report describes the consultation process that the Proposed Development has followed since from Phase One non-statutory community consultation in 2020 throughout to Phase Three community consultation (24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022) and the statutory consultation and publicity stages as undertaken in accordance with Sections 42, 46, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act. It further outlines the targeted statutory consultation undertaken July – August 2022. It outlines the feedback received and explains how the comments received have been considered by the Applicant as required under Section 49 of the 2008 Act. The structure and explanation of this Consultation Report follows the Planning Inspectorate’s advice note 14: Compiling the Consultation Report, using an issues-led approach to demonstrating how feedback has been had regard to and setting out the consultation activities in chronological order.

**Table 1-1: Structure and explanation of this consultation report**

Report Sections	Overview
Executive Summary	Provides a high-level summary of consultation activities undertaken during the pre-application stage and key changes made to the Development based on stakeholder feedback
1. Introduction	Introduces the Applicant, approach to consultation and structure of the report.
2. Legislation, Guidance and Advice	Describes the relevant legislation and guidance which the Applicant has complied with in carrying out the consultation.
3. Consultation under EIA and Habitats Regulations Assessment	Describes how the Applicant has consulted according to the EIA Regulations and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).
4. Early Stakeholder Sets out how the Applicant carried out early engagement on the Engagement and Non-Proposed Development by undertaking a Phase of non-statutory Statutory Consultation on and Site Selection (July 2020 – 14 September 2020 (Phase One consultation) and further engagement June 2021) prior to the publication of the SoCC.	community consultation on site selection between 08 July 2020 and 14 September 2020 (Phase One consultation) and further engagement June 2021)
5. Preparation for Statutory Consultation under Section 47 of the 2008 Act	Sets out how the Applicant prepared for statutory Section 47 consultation, including the development and publication of the SoCC, (including consultation on the draft SoCC 18 February – 19 March 2021)
6. Statutory Consultation Section 47 of the 2008 Act (July 2021 – April 2022)	Sets out and describes how the Applicant consulted with the under community in accordance with Section 47 of the 2008 Act over two phases of statutory Section 47 consultation (Phase Two and Phase Three consultation).



7. Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act (February 2022 – April 2022), including Section 46 notification to PINS	Sets out and describes how the Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate of the statutory consultation with prescribed consultees, in accordance with Section 46 of the 2008 Act and how the Applicant consulted with Section 42 prescribed consultees including those with an interest in the land in accordance with Section 42 and Section 44 of the 2008 Act.
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8. Statutory Consultation Section 48 of the 2008 Act	Describes the publication of the Section 48 notice and Section 48 under publicity.
9. Section 47 Statutory Consultation: Responses Received, Issues Raised and Changes Made	The Applicant lists a summary of the responses received to the Section 47 community consultation in an issues led manner. The Applicant details how it has responded to the feedback received. A full record of all responses received and how the Applicant has had regard to these responses is presented in Appendix 6.1.2 of this Consultation Report.
10. Section 42 Statutory Consultation: Responses Received, Issues Raised and Changes Made	The Applicant lists a summary of the responses received to the Section 42 consultation in an issues led manner. The Applicant details how it has responded to the feedback received. A full record of all responses received and how the Applicant has had regard to these responses is presented in Appendix 6.1.3 of this Consultation Report.
	The Applicant also provides details of targeted statutory consultation held under Section 42 of the 2008 Act between 15 July 2022 – 15 August 2022.
11. Ongoing Consultation Activities	The Applicant provides a summary of the ongoing engagement held with consultees following the close of the statutory consultation on 27 April 2022.
12. Conclusion	Conclusion to this report.

**1.7 Proposed Development - Project infrastructure summary**

1.7.1 The purpose of the Proposed Development will be to treat all waste water and wet sludge from the Cambridge catchment just as the existing Cambridge WWTP currently does, plus that from the growth indicated and being planned within the catchment in the Local Plan to 2041, with ability to expand beyond to accommodate further growth.

1.7.2 As part of its statutory function, the Applicant operates the existing Cambridge WWTP. The existing Cambridge WWTP receives waste water from the Cambridge catchment either directly from the connected sewerage network or tankered to the facility from homes and businesses that are not connected. This waste water is then treated and the treated effluent discharged through an outfall to the nearby River Cam. The existing Cambridge WWTP is an integrated WWTP, as would be the Proposed Development. An Integrated WWTP incorporates a sludge treatment function, in the form of a Sludge Treatment Centre (STC), which treats the sludge derived from the



waste water from the catchment, and the 'wet sludge' produced by other satellite facilities which do not have integrated STC.

- 1.7.3 The forthcoming development of Waterbeach New Town lies to the north of Cambridge. The Waterbeach new town development when built out will comprise 11,000 new homes along with associated business, retail, community and leisure uses. Waste water from Waterbeach will ultimately be treated by the proposed Cambridge WWTP once operational. However, the rate of development at Waterbeach New Town may require a new pipeline (rising main) to be built from Waterbeach to the existing Cambridge WWTP to allow treatment of waste water in advance of the proposed Cambridge WWTP becoming operational. In that case, a later connection would be made to the proposed Cambridge WWTP from a point on the pipeline route. The earlier section of the pipeline connecting to the existing Cambridge WWTP would be decommissioned.
- 1.7.4 A complete project description of the Proposed Development is provided in the Environmental Statement: Project Description, Chapter 2 App Doc Ref 5.2.2.

## 1.8 Approach to consultation

- 1.8.1 Key to the Applicant's approach to consultation has been delivering iterative community consultation over three phases (one non-statutory phase and two statutory phases).
- 1.8.2 With this phased approach to the community consultation, the project design and plans have evolved in response to the feedback received. Outside of the consultation phases, the Applicant met on numerous occasions with the local planning authorities, environmental groups, elected representatives and local community groups, including the Community Working Group (CWG) convened for the project. All communications lines have remained open since March 2020 and will continue to do so. The full approach to Section 47 consultation is set out in Sections 5 and 6 of this report.
- 1.8.3 To enable consultation on environmental information, the statutory consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act (referred to as 'Section 42 consultation') ran in parallel to Phase Three community consultation. This involved consultation on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). Technical information was made accessible in a non-technical format including making available a non-technical summary and online version of the PEIR.
- 1.8.4 The approach to Section 42 consultation, identification of Section 42 consultees and information consulted on is presented in Section 7 of this report.
- 1.8.5 Prior to formally consulting prescribed consultees under Section 42 of the 2008 Act, extensive engagement took place with several technical consultees and environmental bodies, including by way of a series of Technical Working Groups (TWGs), as set out in Chapter 5 of this Consultation Report.



1.8.6 The Applicant has developed the consultation to be accessible to all groups in the community. This has been particularly important where public gatherings were restricted owing to Government guidance and health protection measures because of COVID-19. The approach to consultation as outlined in the SoCC (see Appendix 6.1.8) has provided a range of communication methods for conducting open, inclusive and meaningful consultation across the community.

1.8.7 The community consultation methods, described in Section 6 of this report, set out the use of digital engagement methods and how these were made available during the consultation. The Applicant has always recognised that some individuals or groups may have difficulties taking part in the consultation process for a range of

reasons. Section 6 of this report explains how the Applicant has identified groups which represent people with protected characteristics under equalities law in the consultation area, along with their representatives or organisations that may be able to assist those that are excluded from digital engagement within the consultation area. These organisations have been contacted at the start of each consultation Phase to ensure that the consultation for the Proposed Development has best met the needs of its members.

1.8.8 During Phase One and Phase Two community consultation, the face-to-face approach to community consultation was impacted by the government restrictions placed on public meetings as a result of the COVID-pandemic. To address this, the Applicant:

- Offered virtual meetings with local Parish Councils and attended when virtual meetings were requested.
- Produced a 'Virtual Exhibition' and digital engagement platform, both of which provided project information to the community throughout the entire consultation periods and enabled consultees to issue their feedback via these channels as well as via the information lines.
- Free to use information lines were available to use throughout the consultation periods.

1.8.9 During Phase Two consultation COVID restrictions relaxed, which enabled the Applicant to hold COVID secure face to face events.

## 2 Legislation, Guidance and Advice

### 2.1 Relevant legislation and guidance

2.1.1 This Consultation Report is submitted with the Application in accordance with Section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act.

2.1.2 Relevant responses are defined in Section 49(3) of the 2008 Act as responses received to the consultation under Section 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act by the deadline published; however, the Applicant has taken account of all responses received



throughout the consultation process including late responses. One late response was received to the Section 47 consultation.

2.1.3 The Applicant notified the Secretary of State in writing under Section 46 of the 2008 Act on 22 February 2022 that it was intending to commence consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act on the PEIR commencing on 24 February 2022 and closing on 27 April 2022. Confirmation of receipt was provided on 28 March 2022 (see Appendix 6.1.4).

2.1.4 Pre-application consultation under Section 42 has taken place with:

- Prescribed bodies (statutory consultees), being those relevant prescribed bodies listed in Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations (listed in Appendix 6.1.5);
- Those bodies notified to the Applicant by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations;
- Non-statutory bodies treated as prescribed by the Applicant e.g. local nature conservation groups or member organisations with an interest in the Proposed Development;
- Local authorities, in accordance with Section 43 of the 2008 Act; and
- Persons with an interest in the land, in accordance with Section 42(d)(1) and Section 44 of the 2008 Act.

2.1.5 Please see Appendix 6.1.5 and 6.1.32 for the full list of prescribed consultees consulted under Section 42 of the 2008 Act.

2.1.6 Pre-application consultation under Section 47 has taken place with:

- The local community living in the vicinity of the project, in accordance with Section 47(1) of the 2008 Act and as defined by a core and wider consultation area explained in Section 5.3 of this report.
- A wide range of community groups, local nature conservation bodies, local business owners and seldom heard consultees as referred to in Section 5.8 of this report.
- Local elected representatives including ward and parish councillors and members of Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, MPs for South East Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

2.1.7 Pre-application consultation has also taken place in accordance with Section 48 of the 2008 Act through publicity of the project, as described in Section 8 of this report.

2.1.8 The following legislation has been complied with or considered when undertaking the preapplication consultation and when compiling the Consultation Report:



- The Planning Act 2008;
- The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations) Regulations 2017;
- The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009;
- Department for Communities and Local Government. Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process (2015) ('DCLG Guidance');
- The Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 3: EIA Consultation and Notification ('Advice Note 3'); and
- The Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 14: Compiling the Consultation Report ('Advice Note 14').

2.1.9 A table setting out how the Applicant has complied with the relevant legislation and guidance is presented in Appendix 6.1.1 of this report.

## 3 Consultation under EIA Regulation and Habitats Assessment Regulations

### 3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') is a process under which a development proposal is assessed for its environmental impacts before an application for consent is considered. The submission of the findings of EIA in an Environmental Statement ('ES') allows the body deciding the application to fully understand the environmental impact of a proposal when it makes its decision.

3.1.2 There are five stages of the Environmental Impact Assessment process, the stages involve:

- Screening – this determines whether a proposed project falls within the remit of the Regulations, whether it is likely to have a significant effect on the environment and therefore requires an assessment.
- Scoping – this determines the extent of issues to be considered in the assessment and reported in the ES. The Applicant can ask the local planning authority for its opinion on what information needs to be included, which is called a 'Scoping Opinion'.
- Preparing an Environmental Statement – this is where it is decided that an assessment is required, the Applicant must prepare and submit an ES. The ES must include at least the information reasonably required to assess the likely significant environmental effects of the Development listed in regulation 18(3) and comply with regulation 18(4). Public authorities must make available any relevant environmental information in their possession. To ensure the



completeness and quality of the ES, the Applicant must ensure that it is prepared by competent experts. The ES must be accompanied by a statement from Applicant outlining the relevant expertise or qualifications of such experts.

- Consultation – The ES must be publicised electronically and by public notice. The statutory ‘consultation bodies’ and the public must be given an opportunity to give their views about the proposed Development and the ES.
- Decision Making – the ES, together with any other information which is relevant to the decision, and any comments and representations made on it, must be taken into account by the local planning authority and/or the Secretary of State in deciding whether or not to grant consent for the Development. The public must be informed of the decision and the main reasons for it both electronically and by public notice.

## 3.2 Policy and legislation

3.2.1 The Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations requires that an EIA be undertaken in support of an application for a DCO for certain types of projects. The purpose of the EIA Regulations is to ensure that when an authority giving consent for a particular project makes its decision, it does so in the knowledge of any likely significant effects on the environment. The EIA Regulations and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations set out a procedure that must be followed for certain types of projects before they can be given a DCO. An EIA provides for the systematic assessment of a project’s likely significant environmental effects for consideration by both the public and the relevant competent authority before a planning consent decision is made.

3.2.2 According to the EIA Regulations, the EIA is a process of:

- The preparation of an ES or updated ES, as appropriate, by the Applicant.
- The carrying out of consultation, publication, and notification as required under these regulations or as necessary, any other enactment.
- The steps that are required to be undertaken by the Secretary of State (i.e. consideration of whether a DCO should be granted) or by the relevant authority (i.e. decision maker on subsequent applications), as appropriate.

3.2.3 The Applicant has demonstrated compliance with various regulations (including Regulation 12 and 13) under the EIA Regulations:

- Acknowledging that the project is an EIA development, as confirmed in the Applicant’s letter dated 21 September 2021 pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) and set out in the Applicant’s SoCC (see Section 7 of Appendix 6.1.8).
- Consultation on the PEIR, as set out in Section 7 of this report.



- Providing a copy of the Section 48 notice to requested consultation bodies – See Section 8 of this report.

### 3.3 Scoping Report

3.3.1 In accordance with Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations, a Scoping Report was prepared by the Proposed Development in support of a request for a Scoping Opinion from the Secretary of State. To comply with Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations, the Scoping Report provided:

- Plans sufficient to identify the area required for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Proposed Development;
- A description of the Proposed Development, including its location and technical aspects;
- An explanation of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development on the environment; and
- Other information that the Applicant wished to provide.

3.3.2 On 21 September 2021, the Applicant notified the Secretary of State that it proposed to provide an ES in respect of the Proposed Development pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the 2017 EIA Regulations (see Appendix 6.1.33).

### 3.4 Scoping Opinion

3.4.1 On receipt of the Scoping Report Appendix 4.2 (App Doc Ref 5.4.4.2), the Planning Inspectorate ('PINS') on behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs consulted on the Proposed Development Scoping Report, which was issued on 19 October 2021. Two later responses were received to the Scoping Report. A Scoping Opinion was issued by PINS on 29 November 2021, Appendix 4.1 (App Doc Ref 5.4.4.1).

3.4.2 Evidence that the Applicant has complied with the EIA Regulations is provided in Appendix 6.1.1 of this report.

### 3.5 EIA Consultation

3.5.1 Notice of the PEIR under Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations was given to all of the Section 42 consultees (as listed in Appendix 6.1.5) together with a copy of the notice under Section 48 of the 2008 Act on 24 February 2022. The consultation documents provided to all Section 42 consultees as listed in Appendix 6.1.5 comprised of:

- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
- Community Consultation Leaflet





- Feedback Form
- PEIR Non-technical Summary
- Management Plans
- Draft DCO and Works Plans

### 3.6 Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)

- 3.6.1 An applicant for a development consent must give consideration to whether a project has the potential to significantly affect certain European protected wildlife sites and must provide a report which should include the site or sites that may be affected. The information provided must be of sufficient enough detail to enable the Secretary of State, as the decision maker, to conclude whether an appropriate assessment is required, and where relevant, to undertake an assessment. The Applicant has submitted as part of its application for development consent a HRA Screen Report Appendix 8.15 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.15), and HRA Report Appendix 8.16 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.16).
- 3.6.2 The Planning Inspectorates 'Advice Note 10: Habitats Regulations Assessment relevant to nationally significant infrastructure projects' recommends that applicants consult with the appropriate nature conservation body(ies) (ANCB) and other bodies as appropriate throughout the HRA process.
- 3.6.3 The Applicant has undertaken engagement with both statutory and non-statutory conservation bodies throughout the pre-application stages of the project as part of the Technical Working Groups. This included the submission for review and comment of the HRA Screening Report and HRA Report. Feedback generated from these Technical Working Groups informed the scope and content of the HRA.
- 3.6.4 The HRA Report provided as part of the application Appendix 8.16, (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.16), concludes that following the completion of assessment to support Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment, it is considered that with adherence to the proposed mitigation, including regulatory requirements, the construction and operation of the Proposed Development will not have an adverse effect on the integrity (AEOI) of the designated sites and their features either alone or in-combination with other plans, policies or projects.

## 4 Early Stakeholder Engagement and Non-Statutory Consultation (October 2019 – June 2021)

### 4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 This Section of the Consultation Report sets out how the Applicant carried out early engagement on the Proposed Development. This includes undertaking engagement



with various stakeholders alongside a non-statutory community consultation on the site selection for the Proposed Development, which ran between 08 July 2020 and 14 September 2020. It also explains ongoing community involvement prior to the publication of the SoCC.

4.1.2 Prior to the commencement of the non-statutory consultation on 08 July 2020, and as early as October 2019, the Applicant met with Council leaders and officers via briefing meetings. The Applicant also invited locally elected representatives to a prebriefing webinar on 29 and 30 June 2020, as outlined in Table 4-1.

**Table 4-1: Meetings with local planning authorities and locally elected representatives prior to Phase One (non-statutory) consultation**

Date	Stakeholder	Purpose of meeting
15 October 2019	Cambridgeshire County Council	The meetings were held to introduce the elected members to the Proposed Development ahead of the wider community consultation.
12 January 2020	Lucy Frazer KC MP	A presentation was created to support the meetings with the elected members.
30 January 2020	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service	
04 March 2020	Fulbourn and Fen Ditton Ward Councillors	
06 May 2020	North East Cambridge (NEC) Principles Planning Group	
07 May 2020	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	
03 June 2020	North East Cambridge Principles Planning Group	
19 June 2020	Daniel Zeichner MP	
23 June 2020	Milton and Waterbeach Ward Councillors	
25 June 2020	South Cambridgeshire District Council Officers	26 June 2020 Fulbourn Ward Councillor
Date	Stakeholder	Purpose of meeting
26 June 2020	Cambridge City Council Officers	
29 June 2020	Relevant parish, district and ward councillors across the consultation area.	
30 June 2020		



**Table 4-2: Meeting phases with landowners and residents prior to Phase One (non-statutory) consultation**

Date	Stakeholder	Purpose of meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Cambridgeshire County Council	Briefing on the project.
14 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Chivers Farms Limited	Briefing on the project
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Owner of the Gate House, Station Road	Project contact details provided to owner.
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Cambridgeshire County Council (Property Department)	Briefing on the project
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge (with agent) (Sites 1 and 3)	Briefing on the project.
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Chivers Farms Limited	Further briefing on the project.
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge (with agents) (Sites 1 and 3)	Further briefing on the project.
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge (with agents) (Sites 1 and 3)	Further briefing on the project.
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020	Harrold Fruit Farm Limited	Briefing on the project (on site meeting).
23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020	Agents of Julian Francis and Ellen Francis	Discussion of consultation response.
23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020	Tenant of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge (Site 1)	Further briefing on the project.
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	St John's College Cambridge (with agent)	Further briefing on the project.
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Ellen Francis and her agents for Julian Francis]	Briefing on Site Selection announcement.
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	St John's College Cambridge and agent	Briefing on Site Selection announcement.
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Chivers Farms Limited and agent	Briefing on Site Selection announcement.
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Marshalls	Briefing on Site Selection announcement.
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Harrold Fruit Farm Limited	Briefing on Site Selection announcement.



27<sup>th</sup> January 2021      Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge      Briefing on Site Selection announcement.

4.1.3 The Applicant established relationships in 2017 and has since maintained regular meetings with both of the developers and their advisors of the Waterbeach New Town Development. These meetings include the Growth Liaison Manager for the Applicant and members of the project team to ensure there is continuity and alignment with the project and the Waterbeach New Town development. Meetings have focused on the drainage delivery strategy for the New Town development and the projected build out rates within the planning process. The purpose has been to align the timing of the needs for waste water removal and treatment for both sides of the development. The discussions have also included, as required, the Environment Agency, the Internal Drainage Board and the LPA case officer for the Waterbeach New Town development. Discussions continue as part of the drainage delivery strategy and the potential site location for the terminal pumping station and pipeline route. Anglian Water and a member of the Project team has also attended the Waterbeach Community Forum, held quarterly, since March 2016.

## 4.2 Non- statutory consultation with the community on site selection (08 July 2020 and 14 September 2020)

4.2.1 A non-statutory consultation on three shortlisted site options for the Proposed Development (identified through earlier stages of the selection process) was undertaken between 08 July – 14 September 2020 to receive feedback on the sites to help identify the preferred site for the Proposed Development. This is referred to as Phase One consultation. The consultation materials for this non-statutory consultation are provided in Appendices 6.1.12 and 6.1.15 of this report, as follows.

- Phase One Community Consultation Materials (Appendix 6.1.12)
- Site Selection Report (Appendix 6.1.15).

4.2.2 The consultation was originally publicised to close on 19 August 2020. However a request to extend the consultation to 14 September 2020 was made by the following consultees:

- Cllr Anna Bradnam, County Councillor for Waterbeach and District Councillor for Milton & Waterbeach
- Cllr John Williams, County Councillor for Fulbourn and District Councillor for Fen Ditton & Fulbourn
- Cllr David Jenkins, County Councillor for Histon & Impington
- Cllr Claire Daunton, District Councillor for Fen Ditton & Fulbourn
- Cllr Hazel Smith, District Councillor for Milton & Waterbeach



- Cllr Judith Rippeth, District Councillor for Milton & Waterbeach
- Cllr Pippa Heylings, District Councillor for Histon & Impington
- Cllr Martin Cahn, District Councillor for Histon & Impington
- Cllr Steve Hunt, District Councillor for Histon & Impington

4.2.3 The Applicant accepted the request for the extension and publicised the extension in across its Local Information Points, across local media and on its project website: [www.cwwtpr.com](http://www.cwwtpr.com). Please see Appendix 6.1.13 for evidence of this publicity.

4.2.4 The consultation area for the Phase One consultation was defined as:

- A Core Consultation Zone, which extends by a minimum distance of 1km from the centre point of the site area options. This also extends by a minimum of 200m from any infrastructure associated with the development, including a rising main to transfer waste water from Waterbeach to the new site. This principle was then applied to refine the Core Consultation Zone once the final site area had been chosen. For the Phase One consultation, the Core Consultation Zone included the nearest neighbouring villages of Histon, Impington, Milton, Waterbeach, Landbeach, Horningsea, Fen Ditton and Stow-cum-Quy.
- A wider consultation area, notifying the neighboring area to the Core Consultation Zone of the consultation by advertising in local media, placing local notices and using social media.



**Figure 4.1: Core and wider consultation area for Phase One (non-statutory) consultation**

4.2.5 In addition, all community groups, local authorities and Parish Council’s identified for the Phase One (non-statutory) consultation within the defined consultation area are listed in Table 4-3.

**Table 4-3: List of community groups, local authorities and Parish Council’s consulted with for the Phase One (non-statutory) consultation**

**Community groups, local authorities and Parish Council’s consulted with for the Phase One (non-statutory) consultation**

Cambridgeshire County Council
South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cambridge City Council
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
Milton Parish Council
Landbeach Parish Council



Waterbeach Parish Council

Fen Ditton Parish Council

Horningsea Parish Council

Histon & Impington Parish Council

Orchard Park Parish Council

Stow-cum-Quy Parish Council

Cam Valley Forum

Cambridge Ahead

Cambridge Conservation Forum

Cambridge Conservation Forum

Cambridge Cycling Campaign (Camcycle)

Cambridge Fish Preservation and Angling Society

Cambridge Past, Present and Future

Cambridge Ramblers Group

Cambridge Rambling Club

Cambridgeshire ACRE

Cambridgeshire Rowing Association

Friends of Milton Country Park

Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke

Friends of Worts Meadow

**Community groups, local authorities and Parish Council's consulted with for the Phase One (non-statutory) consultation**

Fulbourn Day Centre

Horningsea Residents Association (HRA)

Landbeach Society

Milton Air Quality Working Party

Milton Local History Group

Natural Cambridgeshire

North Cambridge Community Partnership

Quy Fen Trustees

Quy Village Association

Save Honey Hill (formed during consultation period)

The Tithe Barn Trust



Waterbeach Angling Club
Cambridge Rowing Club
Cambridge Sailing Club
Great Ouse Boating Association
Waterbeach and District Bridleways Association

4.2.6 A site visit to a seldom heard traveller group was attended by members of the project team on 11 September 2020 alongside the South Cambridgeshire District Council’s Traveller Liaison Officer and South Cambridgeshire District Councillor Hazel Smith to distribute community consultation leaflets and be on hand to answer questions about the relocation project.

4.2.7 The Phase One Consultation Core Consultation Zone included over 14,400 local homes and businesses.

4.2.8 The following consultation activities for the non-statutory consultation took place:

- Direct mailings of consultation materials to the consultation area of 14,400 properties, including the community consultation leaflet, feedback form and FREEPOST envelope through 2<sup>nd</sup> class post;
- Direct emails to those who had registered to be kept in touch, including information on the dates of the consultation period and where to access materials;
- Three online community webinars (detailed in [Table 4-5](#)) as no face-to-face events were held due to the restrictions in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Displaying the consultation leaflet and consultation advert across Community Access Point (CAP) Sites (listed in Table 5-4).
- Local information poster displayed across 25 local information points within the vicinity of the project for the Phase One (non-statutory) consultation (listed in Appendix 6.1.13)
- Displaying all consultation materials on the project website and Virtual Exhibition available at [www.cwwtpr.com](http://www.cwwtpr.com); and
- Inviting feedback via the online digital engagement platform, accessible via the project website.

**Table 4-4: Advertising schedule for the non-statutory community consultation events**

Newspapers	Publication Dates
Cambridge Independent	08 July 2020
Cambridge News	08 July 2020





### Non-statutory Community Consultation Webinars

4.2.9 Due to government restrictions placed on in-person events, as a result of it being at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Phase One community consultation events took place via the format of online webinars. Table 4-5 lists the dates of the Phase One (non-statutory) community consultation webinars and the number of attendees at each event.

**Table 4-5: Non-statutory community consultation events**

Date	Time	Attendees
22 July 2020 Community Webinar	10:00 – 11:00am	10
23 July 2020 Community Webinar	7:00 – 8:00pm	35
24 July 2020 Community Webinar	2:00 – 3:00pm	24

4.2.10 At each community consultation webinar, the Applicant presented information on the Proposed Development and gathered feedback based on attendee comments. The Applicant then published a Phase One Community Webinar Summary on the project website.

4.2.11 The Applicant’s team across the relevant disciplines, including consultants from key environmental and planning disciplines, were present to explain the Development and answer questions from members of the local community attending the events.

4.2.12 As set out in ~~Error!Table 4-5-Reference source not found.~~, a total of 69 people attended the Phase One community consultation events.

4.2.13 559 feedback forms were completed in response to the Phase One community consultation events alongside 5780 visitors to the online digital engagement platform.

4.2.14 In response to the Phase One consultation, the Applicant received:

- 3,366 comments from 1,766 unique respondents via the digital platform;
- 559 completed feedback forms; and
- 172 pieces of feedback via letters, emails, or phone calls.
- 69 attendees to the community webinars.

4.2.15 An alternative copy of the feedback form for the Proposed Development was created and distributed by the local action group, Save Honey Hill Group. Anonymous copies of this alternative feedback form were received comprising of a tick box of statements. Owing to the forms being anonymous, it could not be confirmed if the



copies were duplicates or from different individuals. The Applicant has acknowledged the feedback provided from these forms within the first Consultation Summary Report (see Appendix 6.1.14).

4.2.16 In addition to the Phase One community consultation events, various meetings took place with community representatives as detailed in Table 4-6.

**Table 4-6: Meetings undertaken with community representatives during the Phase One (non-statutory) consultation.**

Date	Stakeholder	Purpose of meeting
28 July 2020	Cambridge City Councillor	Meetings with the project team to discuss the Phase One consultation, including the information on the Proposed Development and how the Applicant is engaging with the local community.
12 August 2020	Lucy Frazer KC MP	Meeting with the project team to discuss the Phase One consultation, including the information on the Proposed Development and how the Applicant is engaging with the local community.
03 August 2020	North East Cambridge Principals Planning Group	Update on project and Phase One consultation
25 August 09	Design Council	To discuss the shortlisted sites and site selection options
September 2020	North East Cambridge Principals Planning Group	Update on project and PPA

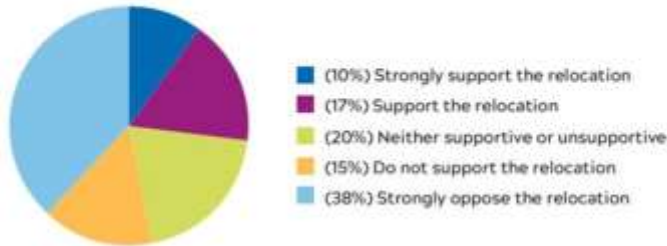
4.2.17 In summary:

- 81% of respondents who described their interest in the project were local residents, 5% were landowners and 5% were regular visitors to the area; the remaining 9% was made up of interest group members, local representatives and local business owners.
- 53% opposed or did not support the relocation project and 27% were supportive;
- 52% of respondents believed site 3 to be most suitable for the relocation project;
- 73% found out about the consultation via the community consultation leaflet;
- 27% of respondents agreed with the statement 'my views will be considered as the proposals for the project develop', whilst 39% were unsure; and
- Feedback indicated that among the most important aspects of the project were stated to be air quality, noise and vibration, traffic and access, impact on local amenities, landscape and views and local ecology and biodiversity.
- The feedback received is displayed in Figure 4.2 below.

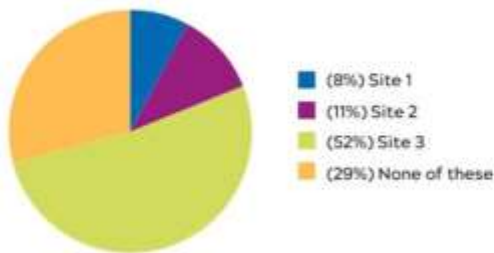




What is your opinion of our proposal to relocate and build a new modern, carbon-efficient waste water treatment plant for Cambridge, to enable the regeneration of the North East Cambridge area?



Which site area do you think is the most suitable for the relocation project?



What things relating to this site are most important to you? (presented by site)

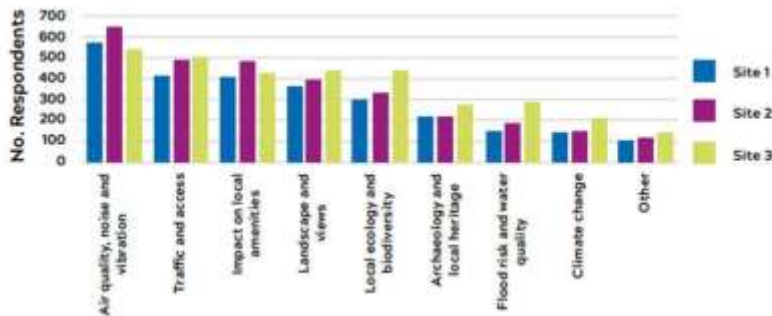


Figure 4.2: Overview of feedback analysis from the Phase One (non-statutory) community consultation

4.2.18 After the Phase One consultation period, a consultation summary report was produced summarising all the feedback received during the first round of consultation (see Appendix 6.1.14). This was published by mail to the Core Consultation Zone and made available on the project website on 25 November 2020.



The report was also sent to the local CAP sites and Parish Councils for wider distribution.

- 4.2.19 This consultation summary report responded to the key questions raised at that early stage in the development process and set out the next steps for the Proposed Development. A summary of the common themes raised and how these were considered by the Applicant in the site selection process and evolution of the Development are presented in Appendix 6.1.14.
- 4.2.20 The comments received to the Phase One consultation significantly contributed to the site selection process for the Proposed Development, informing the Site Selection decision by the Applicant. Full details of the site selection process, resulting in Site 3 being selected, are presented in the Site Selection and Alternatives report, App Doc Ref 5.2.3.

### 4.3 Ongoing stakeholder and community involvement

4.3.1 This Section 4.3 sets out the ongoing engagement with the community and stakeholders following the site selection decision and engagement. The following engagement activities are explained:

- Ongoing engagement with the community and their elected representatives, interest groups and a Community Working Group (CWG) following the site selection decision and prior to the publication of the SoCC on 09 June 2021 and commencement of Phase Two consultation (which is set out in Section 6 of this report).
- Ongoing engagement with technical consultees through informal engagement and the creation of Topic Working Groups (TWGs) following the site selection decision and prior to commencement of the statutory Section 42 consultation on 22 February 2022.
- The identification and early engagement with landowners following the site selection decision and prior to commencement of the statutory Section 42 consultation on 22 February 2022.

### 4.4 Ongoing engagement with the community

- 4.4.1 Following the Phase One consultation, Community Working Groups (CWGs) were set up to engage and provide updated information with representatives of the community on an ongoing basis and outside of statutory consultation periods.
- 4.4.2 A Site Area CWG was established to discuss matters involving the siting, design and impacts associated with the Proposed Development within and around the chosen site area, including mitigation and enhancement measures. Invitees of the CWG are listed in Table 4-7.



4.4.3 A Milton and Waterbeach CWG was established to discuss the decommissioning of the current waste water treatment plant and the routing of the transfer tunnel from Milton to Site 3. This group focused on specific issues raised through the

consultation associated with these construction works, such as tunnelling, traffic and access.

4.4.4 The format of the CWGs held are as follows:

- Each community working group was attended by a number of representatives from Anglian Water and the wider consultancy team, relevant to the specific working group;
- Once established, attendees from each working group appointed a chair, who mediated the meeting, gathered questions from attendees prior to the session, and acted as a link between Anglian Water and the parish councils/other relevant local stakeholders;
- Each meeting included a presentation from Anglian Water and a live Q&A session.

**Table 4-7: Community Working Group Meetings**

Community Working	Dates	Invitees Group Meetings
Introductory meeting with Site Area CWG	21 April 2021	Horningsea Parish Council Fen Ditton Parish Council Stow-cum-Quy Parish Council Lode Parish Council Bottisham Parish Council Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council Teversham Parish Council Save Honey Hill Group Councillor Anna Bradnam Councillor Claire Daunton Councillor John Williams Councillor Graham Cone Councillor Judith Rippeth
Introductory meeting with Milton and Waterbeach CWG	22 April 2021	Milton Parish Council Waterbeach Parish Council Councillor Anna Bradnam Councillor Claire Daunton Councillor John Williams Councillor Graham Cone Councillor Judith Rippeth
Second CWG	02 June 2021	All listed above and including Save Honey Hill (invited)



4.4.5 Following the first CWG meetings which took place on 21 April 2021 and 22 April 2021 it was decided that due to the attendance at the first meeting, it was appropriate to merge the groups into a single CWG.

4.4.6 A series of engagement continued with the local planning authorities and other community representatives as set out in Table 4-8.

**Table 4-8: Ongoing engagement with community, local authority and elected member meetings prior to statutory consultation.**

Date	Stakeholder	Purpose of meeting
01 October 2020	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
06 October 2020	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	PPA and programme update
05 November 2020	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
25 November 2020	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	AAP/GCLP and DCO programme
27 November 2020	Design Council	Design Council to provide advice on emerging design
07 December 2020	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
09 December 2020	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	PPA project briefing
13 January 2021	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
22 January 2021	Greater Cambridge Partnership Briefing	Site Selection discussion
27 January 2021	Locally elected members (Parish Councils and District/Ward Councillors)	Members were invited to a webinar to discuss the site selection decision that had taken place following the Phase One (non-statutory) consultation that had taken place.
27 January 2021	Daniel Zeichner MP	Daniel Zeichner MP attended a meeting with the project team to discuss the site selection decision that had taken place following the Phase One (non-statutory) consultation period.
02 February 2021	Cambridgeshire County Council	Site Selection discussion
08 February 2021	Cambridge Past, Present and Future	Site Selection discussion
17 February 2021	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
26 February 2021	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Update on project



02 March 2021	Save Honey Hill Group	A follow-up meeting to further discuss the siteselection decision
10 March 2021	Stow-cum-Quy Parish Council	A follow-up meeting to further discuss the siteselection decision
22 March 2021	Design Council	Follow up meeting following discussions in November 2020
26 March 2021	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
14 April 2021	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
<b>Date</b>	<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Purpose of meeting</b>
27 & 28 April 2021	Design Council	First design panel review of proposals
05 May 2021	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
18 May 2021	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Update on project
22 June 2021	Locally elected members (Parish Councils and District/Ward Councillors)	A pre-consultation briefing that took place to outline the Phase Two (statutory Phase One) consultation that was set to launch on 23 June 2021
22 June 2021	Lucy Frazer KC MP	A pre-consultation briefing that took place to outline the Phase Two (statutory Phase One) consultation that was set to launch on 23 June 2021

4.4.7 Following the site selection decision in January 2021, the Core Consultation Zone was changed to include those Parish Councils closer to the selected site and remove those who would no longer be impacted by the Proposed Development. These changes are listed below:

**Table 4-9: Parish Councils within the Core Consultation Zone for Phase One consultation and following Phase One consultation**

<b>Parish Councils within Core Consultation Zone for Phase One consultation</b>	<b>Parish Councils within Core Consultation Zone for following site selection decision and for the purposes of Phase Two and Three consultation (see Section 5).</b>
Milton Parish Council	Horningsea Parish Council
Landbeach Parish Council	Stow-cum-Quy Parish Council
Waterbeach Parish Council	Fen Ditton Parish Council
Fen Ditton Parish Council	Lode Parish Council
Horningsea Parish Council	Milton Parish Council
Histon & Impington Parish Council	Waterbeach Parish Council





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Orchard Park Parish Council	Teversham Parish Council
Stow-cum-Quy Parish Council	Great Wilbraham Parish Council
Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council	

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## 4.5 Technical Working Groups (TWGs)

- 4.5.1 The Applicant committed to consulting technical consultees both before, during and after the statutory Section 42 consultation Phase. This predominantly took place through the formation of Technical Working Groups (TWGs).
- 4.5.2 TWGs were established to engage with the relevant statutory and non-statutory stakeholders adopting an issue-led approach to engagement across EIA and project topic areas. More information about the TWGs can be found in each topic chapter of the Environmental Statement App Doc Ref Volume 5.
- 4.5.3 Table 4-10 lists the TWG meetings that took place prior to the start of Section 42 statutory consultation (24 February 2022). The TWGs continued beyond the close of the statutory S42 consultation on 27 April 2022 up until DCO application submission. The TWGs that occurred beyond 27 April 2022 are listed in Section 11 of this report.



**Table 4-10: TWG meetings that took place prior to the start of statutory Section 42 consultation**

Technical (TWG)	Date	Organisations	Key Issues Discussed	Working	Represented Group
Water Resources	18/03/21	The Environment Agency Natural England Cambridgeshire LLFA (Lead Local Flood Authority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirm the purpose and membership of the TWG</li> <li>Establish Principles and Terms of Reference</li> <li>Timeline for TWGs and DCO submission</li> <li>Discussion of initial feedback from Phase One community consultation</li> <li>Overview of selected site opportunities</li> <li>Outline of the scheme</li> <li>EIA approach including timelines</li> </ul>		
Water Resources	26/08/21	The Environment Agency Natural England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update &amp; programme</li> <li>Scoping overview - baseline approach and principles agreed</li> <li>Approach to potential contaminant pathways</li> <li>Scope of assessment</li> </ul>		
Water Resources	14/10/21	The Environment Agency  The Ely and Waterbeach  Internal Drainage Board Cam Valley Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the options identified for the outfall and how this had been progressed and to obtain feedback on the design and agreement in principle on the option to take forward.</li> </ul>		
Water Resources	30/03/22	The Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on programme</li> <li>Confirmation of approach to WFD scope</li> <li>Confirmation of biodiversity net gain calculations, mitigation and enhancement</li> <li>River bank mitigation</li> <li>Confirmation of flood risk approach</li> </ul>		
Biodiversity and Ecology	11/03/21	Natural England  The National Trust Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the Proposed Development</li> <li>EIA process and timescales (overview)</li> </ul>		



- Approach to Ecological Surveys
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Technical Discussed Working Group (TWG)	Date	Organisations Represented	Key Issues
		Cambridgeshire County Council The Cambridgeshire Local Nature The Wildlife Trust The Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BNG current position and proposed approach/methodology</li> </ul>
Biodiversity and Ecology	15/06/21	Natural England The National Trust Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Cambridgeshire County Council The Cambridgeshire Local Nature The Wildlife Trust The Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To share survey findings to date and next steps</li> <li>Share the proposals that will be published as part of Phase Two consultation</li> <li>Identify any mitigation suggestions at this stage</li> <li>Requirement for licences</li> <li>Any further survey requirements/confirmation of protected species</li> </ul>
Biodiversity and Ecology	24/08/21	Natural England The National Trust Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Cambridgeshire County Council The Wildlife Trust The Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide an update on the EIA biodiversity methodology in advance of EIA scoping being formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and to help orientate Council Natural attendees around the layout and structure of the report.</li> </ul>
Biodiversity and Ecology	03/02/22	Natural England The National Trust Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Cambridgeshire County Council Natural Cambridgeshire The Wildlife Trust The Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purpose and aim of the meeting was to provide a general introduction ahead of Phase Three consultation and outline what will be in the PEIR including an update on biodiversity net gain.</li> </ul>
Biodiversity and Ecology	26/04/22	Natural England The National Trust	Greater Cambridge Shared



Technical Working Group	Date	Organisations Represented	Key Issues Discussed
		Planning Cambridgeshire County Council Natural Cambridgeshire The Wildlife Trust The Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey update</li> <li>Protected species mitigation and licencing (water vole, badger)</li> <li>Remaining engagement – HRA</li> <li>Ongoing engagement on the draft environmental information</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscape management plan - connectivity feedback</li> <li>Early comments on the Code of Construction Practice</li> </ul>
Traffic and Access	04/03/21	Highways England Cambridgeshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post site selection meeting to provide an overview of the scheme design including the current red line boundary and access options.</li> <li>Overview of the EIA programme and likely topics within the ES.</li> <li>Confirmation of the preliminary traffic assessment as part of the site selection exercise. This was based on historical data sets and TWG would be looking to agree survey dates to validate the information.</li> <li>Alignment with policy for new junctions raised and referenced.</li> </ul>
Traffic and Access	04/11/21	Highways England Cambridgeshire County Council Greater Cambridge Shared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of refined transport analysis and access assessment.</li> </ul>

Technical Working Group	Date	Organisations Represented	Key Issues Discussed
		Planning	
Traffic and Access	26/04/21	Highways England Cambridgeshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of the access options being assessed and to seek initial feedback</li> <li>• Set out optioneering work to date</li> <li>• Identify further meeting requirements for speed limits and junction analysis</li> </ul>
Traffic and Access	27/05/21	Highways England Cambridgeshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the access options</li> <li>• Scoping note issued and update on scoping feedback</li> <li>• Share of Phase Two consultation material</li> </ul>
Traffic and Access	06/10/21	Highways England Cambridgeshire County Council Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of the meeting was to feedback on the design capacity analysis which has been undertaken and to look at the options presented and work done on each one to date.</li> <li>• Presentation of analysis of access options including capacity modelling.</li> </ul>
<b>(TWG)</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of option 1 (a and b) and analysis carried out to date.</li> <li>• Details of Intended traffic surveys would be carried out to inform the EIA.</li> <li>• Further work needed to determine between 1a and 1b.</li> </ul>
Traffic and Access	27/01/22	Highways England Cambridgeshire County	C o



Technical Working Group	Date	Organisations Represented	Key Issues Discussed
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>uncil</li> <li>Greater Cambridge Shared Planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of forthcoming community consultation.</li> <li>Construction Proposals</li> <li>Construction routing, traffic flows and mitigation proposals</li> <li>Waterbeach, Horningsea Road, Cowley Road and Fen Road Junction Capacity Assessment methodology</li> <li>Traffic surveys – junctions to be assessed</li> <li>Committed development • Growth rates</li> <li>Preliminary Environmental Information Report to be published.</li> </ul>
Landscape and Heritage	29/04/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greater Cambridge Shared Planning</li> <li>The National Trust</li> <li>Historic England),</li> <li>Cambridge County Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall scheme update</li> <li>Summary of approach to ecology</li> <li>Landscape and visual assessment approach</li> <li>Historic environmental assessment approach</li> <li>Emerging design and landscape options</li> <li>Options for connectivity</li> </ul>
Landscape and Heritage	04/12/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cambridge Past Present and Future</li> <li>Historic England</li> <li>National Trust</li> <li>Cambridgeshire County Council</li> <li>Greater Cambridge Shared Planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of responses on viewpoints from Phase Two consultation and comments on viewpoints from Scoping Report.</li> <li>Review of proposed viewpoints, clarify those presented and assessment and methodology.</li> </ul>

Technical Working Group (TWG)	Date	Organisations Represented	Key Issues Discussed
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open discussion to agree receptors and where photographs to be taken.</li> <li>Photomontages agreed.</li> </ul>
Environmental Health (Air, Noise, Odour)	16/11/21	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning South Cambridgeshire District Council Cambridgeshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion of issues or comments on Scoping Report from stakeholders.</li> <li>Updates on noise, odour and air assessments and how the Applicant is addressing these.</li> <li>Confirmation of what stakeholders want to see in CEMP and COMP and what would like to see before publication of PEIR.</li> <li>Recommendations for ongoing engagement.</li> </ul>
Public Rights of Way	26/05/21, 2 5/03/22, 28/04/22, 23/06/22	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning South Cambridgeshire District Council Cambridgeshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction/surfacing and any associated works/ongoing maintenance and management of new Bridleway.</li> <li>Temporary closures of PROW. Discussion around potential temporary closures and options for keeping PROWs open where feasible and safe to do so.</li> <li>Horningsea Public Byway No. 17/Fen Ditton Byway No. 14 and Low Fen Drove UCR –focused discussion to work through and agree best practical and legal solution for improvement management of byway, community impact and user experience.</li> </ul>
Environmental Health (Air, Noise, Odour)	02/02/22	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning South Cambridgeshire District Council Cambridgeshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of the noise, odour and air impacts mitigation commitments</li> <li>Overview of Community papers</li> <li>Discussion on programme and next steps</li> </ul>

- Meeting ahead of Phase Three consultation
- Updates on surveying and modelling updates
- Overview of the noise, odour and air assessments in the PEIR





- 4.5.4 Outside of the TWGs and as part of the ongoing engagement with consultees leading up to the statutory Section 42 consultation on the PEIR, a series of discussions and meetings were held with a number of technical consultees regarding the Proposed Development.
- 4.5.5 The ongoing engagement with technical consultees enabled a two-way dialogue between the Applicant and consultees on the Proposed Development updates and enabled the Applicant to consider consultee feedback to the iterative design of the proposals for the Proposed Development.
- 4.5.6 Ahead of the submission of the scoping report (21 September 2021), the Applicant met with key statutory bodies including the Planning Inspectorate, Natural England and the Environment Agency to introduce the Proposed Development and discuss key issues.
- 4.5.7 Joint monthly meetings were also held with officers from the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service representing Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council and officers from Cambridgeshire County Council.
- 4.5.8 Following receipt of the scoping opinion on 29 November 2021, the Applicant continued engagement with technical consultees to discuss the opinion, the surveys and assessments undertaken as part of the EIA and design changes ahead of the publication of PEIR.

## 4.6 Identification of landowners and ongoing engagement

- 4.6.1 Prior to statutory consultation conducted under Section 42 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant consulted extensively with landowners. Whilst this Section of the report is dedicated to presenting all non-statutory engagement prior to undertaking Section 42 consultation, specifically with reference to engagement with landowners Table 411 provides a summary of the engagement with landowners from the early stakeholder engagement in 2019 to Application submission. Statutory consultation with landowners is presented in Section 7 of this report.

**Table 4-11: Summary of early engagement with landowners prior to undertaking Section 42 consultation**

Time period	Engagement
October 2019 to February 2020	Briefings for the landowners and tenants of the three site areas selected for non-statutory consultation between July and September 2020. This included providing information about the likely timescale of the DCO process and the inclusion of compulsory acquisition powers as part of the Application.
July to September 2020	Non-statutory consultation on the three possible site areas, seeking feedback to help choose a final site.
Late January 2021	Briefings for the landowners on the site selection decision, including information about the next steps of the DCO application process.



Summer 2021	Phase Two consultation asking for feedback and input into the design of the new facility. There was also ongoing contact with land owners and occupiers to make arrangements for access for surveys.
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4.6.2 Prior to Section 42 consultation, the Applicant consulted extensively with landowners.

4.6.3 Landowner knowledge and feedback has been useful in shaping the proposals for the Proposed Development and early engagement with landowners has been key to the approach undertaken by the Applicant by enabling feedback to help inform the development of the proposals.

4.6.4 The Planning Act 2008 requires the Applicant to identify individuals in one or more of the categories set out in Section 44 for the purposes of consultation and notification under Section 42. This includes undertaking “diligent inquiry” to identify parties with an interest in land within Categories 1, 2 and 3, which are defined below.

- Category 1 includes owners, lessees, tenants (whatever the tenancy period) or occupiers of the land within Order limits
- Category 2 includes parties that have an interest in the land or who have the power to sell, convey or release the land within Order limits
- Category 3 includes parties that that the Applicant thinks that, if the order sought by the application were made and fully implemented, the person would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim for compensation under Section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 and/or Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 and/or Section 152(3) of the Act.

4.6.5 The Applicant’s land management team have undertaken diligent inquiry to identify individuals in the categories set out in Section 44 of the 2008 Act. Land referencing has been undertaken throughout the pre-application period to capture the relevant land ownership details. The land referencing process included updating the land ownership information at various points during the pre-application period to ensure any changes in ownership or new interests have been identified. The results of this process for the purposes of the submission of the DCO Application are set out in the Book of Reference App Doc Ref 3.3.

4.6.6 Consultation and engagement with landowners and occupiers has been ongoing throughout the pre-application phase of the Proposed Development. This included the liaison to allow both non-intrusive and intrusive surveys to be carried out from March 2020 to the submission of the Application. This process was also used to check land ownership and occupation details with land owners and occupiers. This information was captured by the land management team, who were appointed to arrange access for the surveys, and stored the information in its land referencing database.



4.6.7 The diligent inquiry process set out below was followed to identify persons with an interest in land for all stages of consultation and informal engagement and to prepare the Book of Reference (App Doc Ref 3.3).

#### **4.7 Non-contact and contact referencing**

- 4.7.1 Land owners and other parties with interests relevant to the Categories defined in Section 44 of the Planning Act 2008 were identified through title searches at the Land Registry. Land Registry data was received in the form of a digital shape file (a GIS layer) and digital copies of the Official Copy Registers and Title Plans were obtained and reviewed.
- 4.7.2 All relevant freehold and leasehold title information, together with the beneficiaries of relevant mortgages, charges, private rights, easements, and restrictive covenants were identified within the Land Referencing Limits and stored in the land management team's land referencing database.
- 4.7.3 Updates of this data were requested from Land Registry on a regular basis, ready for key milestones such as phases of consultation. In particular, this was carried out prior to the Section 42 consultation, which ran from 24 February 2022 to 27 April 2022, and again before the Targeted Consultation which ran from 15 July 2022 to 15 August 2022.
- 4.7.4 In addition to the capture of data from the Land Registry, desktop activities were undertaken to confirm, verify and further investigate interests in land. For example, Companies House searches were undertaken to ensure registered companies' details were verified and the registered offices address were appropriate for the service of notices and other correspondence.
- 4.7.5 Online data sources were also used to identify further potential occupiers and interests. TraceIQ was used to locate, where possible, individuals who, as a result of the various land referencing processes, were identified as not being at the address on the registered title held by the Land Registry or, in the case of corporate entities, Companies House.
- 4.7.6 Where occupiers were unconfirmed, "The Occupier" entry for that address was added to the database to ensure the relevant owner of the property was contacted.
- 4.7.7 In addition to the desktop referencing detailed above, in February 2022 land ownership information verification letters were sent to all persons and entities contained within the land referencing database, asking the recipients to confirm if the information held was correct. The recipients included the Category 3 interests, who were identified as having a relevant interest in the properties identified as a result of the identification of Category 3 properties, as set out in Appendix 5 of the Statement of Reasons (App Doc Ref 3.1). A list of the Category 3 interests can be found in Appendix 6.1.32 of this Report.



- 4.7.8 If it was found necessary, further contact was made by the land management team with all identified potentially affected parties to confirm and fully understand their interests as they became known to the land referencing team, including changes to the information.
- 4.7.9 Statutory utilities searches of the Order Limits were carried out at various times from 2020. The results of these were used to determine the likely land interests of the utilities providers. Information gathered by the Design Team was also used to cross check the utilities search information. Site visits and follow up enquiries were undertaken to capture any further information available, and to ensure its accuracy.
- 4.7.10 In the case of unregistered land, where information could not be obtained from the Land Registry and other referencing sources, site notices were placed on or adjacent to the land, inviting persons with an interest in the land to make contact with the Applicant. Site notices were checked and replaced if necessary.
- 4.7.11 The combination of the above land referencing activities produced a list of interests for the Section 42 consultation under the 2008 Act, which commenced on 24th February 2022. As any new interests were identified they were included in the subsequent targeted Section 42 consultation in July 2022.
- 4.7.12 Section 42 consultation and targeted consultation are detailed in Section 7 of this report.
- 4.7.13 Land referencing will continue to be undertaken following the submission of the Application and throughout the DCO application process to ensure any changes in ownership (and/or interests in land) are identified and to ensure any new interests will be consulted as necessary.
- 4.7.14 There are certain plots identified in the Book of Reference (App Doc Ref 3.3), where it has not been possible to identify ownership. The statement "Unknown" is given in the Book of Reference when diligent inquiry has been exhausted and it has still not been possible to provide details.
- 4.7.15 Updates were requested from Land Registry on a regular basis so as to capture any changes to the data in advance of the rounds of statutory consultation. The most recent update in respect of the interests within the Order Land was undertaken in early December 2022 before the finalisation and submission of the Book of Reference (App Doc Ref 3.3). Consultation has been undertaken with parties if new interests were revealed and verified in a period up to approximately 6 weeks before the submission of the application. Updates will continue to be sought and any amendments to the Book of Reference that are revealed will be recorded and the parties notified at the Section 56 notification stage following acceptance of the Application.



## 4.8 Seldom heard landowner engagement

- 4.8.1 One particular Category 3 interest was identified as being a seldom heard landowner, with more specific engagement requirements to ensure that the landowner engagement activities were accessible for this landowner.
- 4.8.2 A first point of contact was made by the project team in January 2021.
- 4.8.3 The project team hand delivered updates on the Proposed Development, engaged with the landowner through one of their local councilors and agent and hand delivered the consultation materials for the Proposed Development. These activities took place from 03 March 2021 through to submission.
- 4.8.4 Section 44 consultation, as set out in Section 8 of this report, was undertaken with the landowner and the Section 44 consultation notification was hand delivered to the landowner’s address.

## 4.9 Key issues raised by landowners

- 4.9.1 The Applicant’s extensive engagement with landowners and occupiers allowed it to capture concerns about the design of the project from those parties whose land would be subject to compulsory acquisition powers.
- 4.9.2 In addition, those parties were likely to retain some land within the vicinity of the Proposed Development and so would, in effect, be the Applicant’s neighbours.
- 4.9.3 As a result, the Applicant ensured that comments from landowners and occupiers were considered at the relevant stage on the design process. In particular, the Applicant ensured that key issues raised by landowners and occupiers were addressed as far as possible. The table below contains details of the key issues raised by landowners and occupiers and how they were considered during the relevant design stage.

**Table 4-12: Key issues raised by land owners and occupiers**

Key Engagement with stakeholder	Commentary relating to consideration of key issue Issue
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Shaft 4  
 of the  
 Transfer  
 Tunnel

Owners of Red House  
 Close (located within  
 Parcel 020b shown on  
 the Land Plans (App  
 Doc Ref 4.4.2)

The original location of Shaft 4 of the Transfer Tunnel was determined by the engineering design, taking into account the optimal distances between the Tunnel’s shafts.

The comments received from the stakeholders included a concern about the location of Shaft 4, and the construction compound associated with it.

The Applicant considered the comments and evaluated the possibility of moving the location of Shaft 4/its compound to the east of the hedge which has an approximate north east/south west orientation from Poplar Hall.

The Applicant determined the main benefits from this change in location were reducing the proximity of the Shaft/its compound to Red House Close (whilst not increasing its proximity to other dwellings) and negating the need to interfere with the hedge.

As a result of the engagement with the stakeholders, the location of Shaft 4 was changed to that shown on Design Plans – Sewer Tunnel & Longitudinal Section App Doc Ref 4.12.

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 Discussions with the owners of Poplar Hall in January 2022 included their concern about a tunnel vent being located at Shaft 4.

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 Owners of Poplar Hall (which is outside of the Order Limits but close to Parcel 021a shown on the Land Plans, App Doc Ref 4.4.2.

As a result of these discussions, the Project Team considered the concerns and designed out the need for a tunnel vent at this location.

**Key Engagement with stakeholder**

**Commentary relating to consideration of key issue**

An on-site meeting was held with the owners of Poplar Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. Subsequent emails were exchanged regarding the stakeholders’ views on the proposed presence of a vent at Shaft 4.



<p>Amount of land required for the waste water treatment plant</p>	<p>The issue was raised in letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (point 6) from Carter Jonas acting, for a landowner of the proposed location of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Applicant responded to the point in a letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.</p> <p>The issue was raised in letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> August (point 5) 2021 from Cheffins acting for the adjoining landowner. The Applicant responded to the point in a letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021.</p> <p>The issue was raised again in letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 from Carter Jonas acting for the landowner (point 6). The Applicant responded to the point in a letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.</p> <p>The issue was raised again in letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 from Cheffins acting for the adjoining landowner (point 5). The Applicant responded to the point in a letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.</p> <p>The issue was also discussed at a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 between members of the Project</p>	<p>The agents acting for the landowner of the majority of the proposed waste water treatment plant site and an adjoining landowner, expressed concern about the amount of land required for the proposed WWTP and its surrounding landscaped area.</p> <p>These concerns were addressed in the Applicant's response to the agents' representations to the Phase 2 Consultation by explaining the amount of land required was based on the professional assessment and judgement of various design specialists. The reasons for the proposed land area included the mitigation of visual and amenity impacts, the possible severance of some areas of land and meeting the need for ecological mitigation, including the provision of biodiversity net gain.</p> <p>The agents for these landowners raised the same concerns in the representations on behalf of their clients in their response to Section 42 consultation. The Applicant's responses explained the need for the area of land required. The Applicant's response to these concerns included a presentation by the landscape architect for the proposed WWTP. The presentation explained the rationale behind the relationship between the landscape requirements and amount of land required. The slides in the presentation were made available to the agents.</p>
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**Key Engagement with stakeholder**

**Commentary relating to consideration of key issue**

Team, Carter Jonas and Cheffins. This included the discussion of the document entitled *Land requirements for the proposed Cambridge Wastewater Treatment*



*Plant Relocation Project  
main site area dated April  
2022 and a presentation  
by the landscape architect  
for the proposed WWTP.*



## 5 Preparation for Statutory Consultation (January 2021 – June 2021)

### 5.1 Summary

- 5.1.1 Consultation with local communities was carried out in accordance with the commitments set out in the SoCC, which included a minimum of three rounds of consultation. Evidence of compliance with the SoCC is detailed in Appendix 6.1.9 of this report.
- 5.1.2 Over the course of the pre-application period, the Applicant refined its approach to community consultation, focusing its consultation activities in response to feedback and informed by the ongoing design and project knowledge development. Additional consultation activities were carried out, above and beyond the commitments made in the SoCC. This included a round of targeted consultation following changes made to the order limits following feedback received to the Phase Three consultation and responses to the Section 42 consultation.
- 5.1.3 Section 47(1) of the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to prepare a statement setting out how it proposes to consult on the proposed application with people living in ‘vicinity’ of the land to which the Development relates.
- 5.1.4 Section 47(2) requires that the Applicant must consult each local authority within Section 43(1) on the content of this statement, known as the SoCC.
- 5.1.5 In accordance with Section 47(3) of the 2008 Act, the deadline given for receipt of local authority responses to consultation on the content of the SoCC should be no less than the end of a 28-day period (commencing on the day after the day on which the local authority received the request for comments).
- 5.1.6 In developing the SoCC, regard must be held to the EIA Regulations and relevant guidance relating to pre-application procedure. Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations stipulates that the SoCC must set out whether the proposal is EIA development and, if so, how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on its PEIR. PEIR was made available at the Phase Two Section 47 community between 24 February 2022 and 27 April 2022.
- 5.1.7 Details of how the Applicant complied with these requirements are set out in the Statement of Compliance in Appendix 6.1.1 of this Consultation Report as well as Appendix 6.1.9.

### 5.2 Development of Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

- 5.2.1 The local authorities consulted by the Applicant on the SoCC are listed in Table 5-1. Section 47(2) of the 2008 Act states that before preparing the SoCC, the Applicant



must consult each local authority that is within Section 43(1) about the content of the SoCC.

5.2.2 Earlier draft versions of the draft SoCC had also previously been sent to Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council on an informal basis for comment on 21 October 2019, and again on both 18 December 2019 and 22 May 2020.

5.2.3 The comments received from the local authorities throughout the development of earlier drafts of the SoCC were considered by the Applicant at each stage. These informed and were incorporated into the updated version of the draft SoCC which was consulted on with the local authorities under Section 47(5) of the 2008 Act in February 2021.

5.2.4 Consultation under Section 47(5) of the 2008 Act in February 2021 was undertaken by the Applicant and responses considered before publication of the final, adopted version of the SoCC on 09 June 2021. The consultation undertaken is detailed below. **Table 5-1: Local Authorities Under Section 43(1) Consulted on the draft SoCC**

#### Local Authority

Cambridge City Council
South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
East Cambridgeshire District Council (owing to their proximity to the host authorities)
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (owing to their proximity to the host authorities)

5.2.5 The draft SoCC was sent to the local authorities and PINS on 18 February 2021 providing the statutory 28-day response period for comments giving a consultation period of 18 February 2021 to 19 March 2021.

### 5.3 Approach to consultation area for the SoCC

5.3.1 A Core Consultation Zone and a Wider Consultation area were identified for the Proposed Development and presented in the draft SoCC for the local authorities to comment on. All local authorities were satisfied with the proposed consultation area (see Figure 5.1).

5.3.2 The Core Consultation Zone was identified by:

- Using a Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) to assess the areas in the 'vicinity' of the land which may experience a degree of visual impact from the Proposed Development;



- Using natural and human geographical boundaries, for example using Kings Hedges Road in Cambridge to the south west, and incorporating the residential areas of Milton, Waterbeach, Lode, Bottisham, Little Wilbraham and Teversham within the outside areas of the Core Consultation Zone;
- Including areas of potential access options, which covered the A14 junctions 33 and 34 and High Ditch Rd.
- Using feedback provided by stakeholders from the non-statutory Phase of consultation held in 2020, prior to the site selection decision.

5.3.3 The Wider Consultation area included coverage of the host local authorities, with all neighbouring 'A' authorities being kept informed of the proposals as part of the Applicant's project updates.

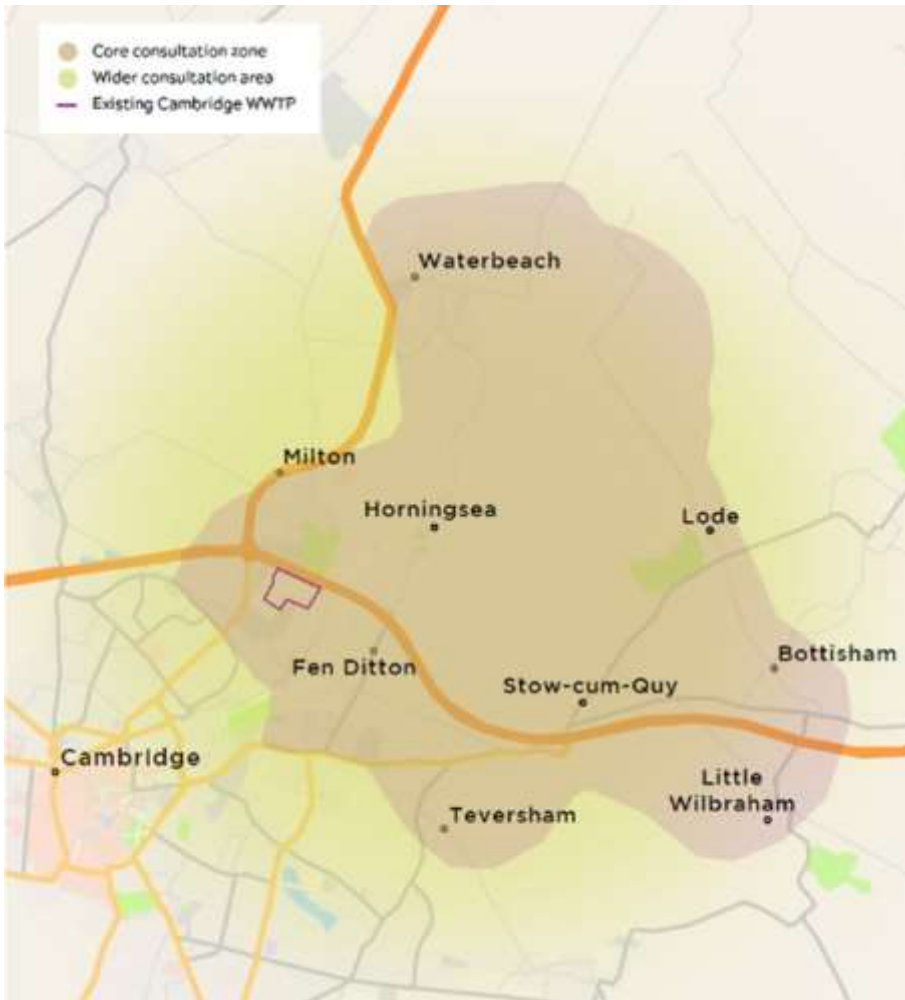


Figure 5.1: Consultation Zone map for statutory consultation



## 5.4 Consultation on draft SoCC and responses

5.4.1 The comments received to the draft SoCC and how the Applicant responded and incorporated the comments are shown in Table 5-2.

**Table 5-2: Comments Received to the Draft SoCC**

Comment on draft SoCC	Applicant response
<p><b>Greater Cambridgeshire Shared Planning Service (joint Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council)</b></p>	
<p>Remove "and agreed" part of introduction when referring to the consultation with councils.</p>	<p>The Applicant noted these comments and removed 'agreed' with reference to consultation on the SoCC with local authorities.</p>
<p>Reference is made to seldom heard groups but no specifics regarding who these groups are or techniques proposed to overcome barriers to the project team. Gypsy and Traveller Communities will be of this project. Officer. As well as identifying individuals or groups of seldom heard stakeholders, the Applicant has included their representatives to ensure that they have been able to provide guidance on how to best engage.</p>	<p>The Applicant identified seldom heard groups (Table 5-6) As a result of the feedback these groups are or techniques proposed to overcome barriers to the project team visited a local traveller site to provide information on the consultation, communication are proposed. Gypsy and Traveller Communities will be of this project. Officer. As well as identifying individuals or groups of seldom heard stakeholders, the Applicant has included their representatives to ensure that they have been able to provide guidance on how to best engage.</p>
<p>In February 2021 the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) updated its Advice Note 14 'Compiling the Consultation Report' with the publication of version 3. This updated guidance takes into account changes to publication and notification requirements made in The Infrastructure Planning (Publication and Notification of Applications etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2020[1], which in turn supersedes temporary changes made in the 2020 Coronavirus Amendment Regulations that expired on 31 December 2020. This guidance states that: In general, where virtual consultation methods are planned then the SoCC should explain any mitigation measures put in place for digitally disadvantaged members of the community e.g. the use of telephone surgeries. Further clarity should be provided on the potential mitigation measures proposed.</p>	<p>The Applicant provided clarity in the SoCC when referring to virtual methods of consultation and caveated this with alternative measures for digitally disadvantaged residents including feedback provided via hard copy freepost feedback forms or through freephone telephone line. Hard copies of our consultation materials, including non-technical summary reports, were made available on demand and alternative formats were able to be requested.</p>
<p>Community Working Groups plural are referenced but these could be defined to provide detail of membership, frequency and location.</p>	<p>The Applicant provided clarity in the SoCC on where and when the Community Working Groups (CWGs) would take place and attendees.</p>
	<p>The Applicant included additional Section within the SoCC detailing the series of Technical Working Groups (TWGs) with the relevant statutory consultees, regulatory</p>



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	and environmental bodies, including their membership and purpose. See Section 7 of the SoCC for further details.
List the Parish Councils within the area by name to ensure clarity on those that will be directly engaged.	The Applicant added reference to the parish councils to be consulted to the SoCC.
Although reasonable to not be specific on consultation event locations at this stage, the potential geographical spread could be described.	The Applicant included text to more clearly signpost to page 13 of the SoCC which included the map of the Core Consultation Zone, when referring to where in-person events would be held.
Referenced Community Access Points should also include Parish Council offices and/or local libraries which are more directly accessible than district council offices.	The Applicant included additional parish council hall and local library CAP Sites in the final SoCC published.
Page 15 Para 2 - Should be 'will be discussed' as PINS will provide the EIA Scoping response and the LPA's will only be consultees and thus matters may not all be agreed: The methodology and scope of the EIA and how it will be carried out will be agreed discussed with the relevant regulatory and environmental bodies (for example, the Environment Agency) and the local planning authorities.	Page 15 Para 6 - ES and NTS will not be available in the pre-application period but will be open to consultation once the DCO is submitted and accepted. The Applicant provided clarity in the SoCC on how the methodology and scope of the EIA would be discussed with the relevant regulatory and environmental bodies (for example, the Environment Agency) and the local planning authorities.
Page 17 Para 4 - Do you mean a summary leaflet to all or a full report can be posted on request? Following each Phase of consultation we will provide a summary of the responses we have received and how we have listened to feedback. Our interim consultation reports will be posted to our Core Consultation Zone.	The Applicant provided clarity in the SoCC on when key reports and non-technical summaries would be made available as part of both the pre-application consultation and DCO application submission processes.  The Applicant provided clarity in the SoCC on when, where and how interim consultation reports would be provided.
Page 22 Coverage of multiple social media channels should be considered e.g Facebook as well as Twitter.	Although the project does not have a Facebook page, when sharing project information to parish councils the Applicant provided digital materials and

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encouraged to advertise and promote the consultation via their own websites, social media and online community forums.

Page 23 Alternative formats – no mention of language translation options?

The Applicant provided text in the SoCC to state, “requests for translated summary documents will be considered on a case-by-case basis”. All consultation brochures set out how alternative formats could be requested.

**Cambridgeshire County Council**

Thank you for consulting Cambridgeshire County Council on a further iteration of the Draft Statement of Community Consultation in respect of the above project which will be classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and must comply with the Development Consent Order (DCO) regime as defined in the Planning Act 2008 ('2008 Act').

The County Council having reviewed the proposals against its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2019, and the requirements for a 'high level' planning application, consider in principle that the arrangements are acceptable. We fully appreciate the challenges associated with COVID-19 and restrictions in place, which we have taken into account in providing this response. Nonetheless there are some matters of detail which are not included in the consultation material, which whilst they would probably be addressed, are highlighted below to ensure their inclusion and thus compliance with the SCI.

In this context I therefore have the following comments to the draft:

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Page 5 Section 3. Relocation Project text

Pipeline transferring waste water from Waterbeach to the new facility. It may be helpful to clarify if there are anticipated changes to the current Waterbeach site and the process for consulting local residents.

Regarding the Waterbeach pipeline boundary, the Applicant agreed that the associated tunnel/pipeline corridor is to be included in the Core Consultation Zone as it was retained as part of the DCO boundary.

Page 6 Section 3. List of what the Proposed Development includes

Mention of 'off-site highway network alterations', recommend adding 'measures to facilitate sustainable access, and to support the wider

Page 19 Section 9. How will we consult

Any public exhibition to be held should be well publicised, including in a local newspaper, a minimum of Two weeks in advance.

Page 10 Section 5. Who will we consult?

Engaging with statutory consultees as the project develops, including with Cambridgeshire County Council, is important and we welcome ongoing dialogue to capture the local and specialist knowledge to inform the project. In particular, whilst the Council welcomes confirmation within Section 4 on Page 8 that the sharing of

With regard to the ongoing sharing of EIA information as the pre-application consultation progresses, the Applicant outlined in the SoCC that they will 'establish a series of Technical Working Groups (TWGs) with the relevant statutory consultees, regulatory and environmental bodies. The membership will include local authorities, Highway England, the National Trust and the Environment Agency. The purpose of the

sustainable transport vision for the area'.

The Applicant included in the SoCC text stating, "other associated development such as site access, utilities, connection to the site drainage system, landscaping and offsite highway network alteration measures to reduce potential traffic impacts"

In the event COVID-19 restrictions are lifted or sufficiently relaxed at the time of consultation, can a blended approach of online and public events be available to make the consultation as accessible as possible?



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In promoting meetings and events (including online events), it would be helpful to include other upcoming dates to promote further opportunities and to ensure that such events should be 'open' in the afternoon and the evening to enable full attendance.

It was agreed by the Applicant that there will be a minimum of Two weeks' notice for members of the public prior to consultation events, this would be publicised in both the Cambridge Independent and Cambridge News.

Organisations that represent or can assist in engaging Seldom heard

The Applicant responded to the restrictions for making hard copy documents

preliminary results of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) through a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) during the Phase three (statutory Phase Two) consultation (planned for 2022) will take place, we would actively encourage the ongoing sharing of environmental information with the 'host' authorities well in advance of the formal submission so that any changes to early EIA results in the PEIR can be fully understood.

TWGs is, to initially provide input into the EIA scoping exercise and discuss the scope and methodology for assessments. The TWGs will consult on the environmental and survey information as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and DCO submission processes and discuss where necessary mitigation proposals'.

In addition to a commitment to sharing the findings of the EIA Sections in draft with the 'host' authorities well in advance of submission (requested in the bullet point above), the Council also seeks confirmation within the draft Statement of Community Consultation that to ensure meaningful consultation is achieved with the 'host' authorities, The Applicant allow time within the proposed timetable to discuss the topics to be contained within the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) ahead of submission, so that we can consider and where appropriate influence the content based on our local knowledge

groups should be contacted in advance of each consultation.

available by making available a 'Virtual Exhibition' and digital engagement platform, both of which provided project information to the community throughout the entire

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consultation periods. Details of these platforms are provided on page 21 and 22 the SoCC.

Regarding the documentation being available for those with difficulty reading, the Applicant added the following text to the SoCC, "If you would like this document in large print, audio or braille formats, please contact us using the details above".

A list of Seldom Heard groups, including representative organisations have been consulted and proactively notified of each consultation phase. The list of these groups is provided in Table 5-6.

Page 24 Section 10. Community access points

Cambridgeshire County Council is relocating to Alconbury in 2021 and at the time of the second consultation will no longer be at Shire Hall. Coupled with the current restrictions associated with COVID-19, we would ask to remove Shire Hall as an access point to view documents.

Shire Hall was removed as a Community Access Point.

We would be happy to discuss alternative locations, however at this time a lot of our buildings with public access are closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

General comments relating to consultation

All documents went through stringent review to ensure their readability in plain English. Being a heavily technical document, the PEIR was also made available in non-technical format for consultation.

Leaflets / posters should also be used to advertise events and should be in 'plain English'.



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If technical documents are available a summary of each should also be available in 'plain English'.

The other proposed consultation measures are welcomed, including the availability of publicity material in large print, audio and braille on request.

As previously mentioned Cambridgeshire County Council administrates the Cambridgeshire Quality Panel and it could be worth considering use of the panel prior to public consultation of any design. The project would meet the SCI referral criteria being a major infrastructure project, and we know that there is scope for variation in the design of a WWTW. We would be happy to discuss an appropriate time for the Quality Panel to review proposals so that it may best inform the design.

Two presentations have been made to the Cambridgeshire Quality Panel – during Phase Two consultation on 14 July 2021 and during Phase Three consultation on 21 April 2022. At each presentation the Panel Members raised questions and provided comments on the evolving design of the Proposed Development. Comments and recommendations were recorded in separate reports issued by the Panel to Anglian Water and to the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS) and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) on 28 July 2021 and 05 May 2022, respectively. These reports were considered by Anglian Water as responses to the consultation rounds and were also used by GCSPS and CCC to inform their own responses to the consultation rounds. Comments received from the Cambridgeshire Quality Panel on [the design of certain elements of the proposed WWTP which are still to be developed](#)

I would also request that the programme for member engagement is shared with ourselves as early as possible, and ahead of any formal correspondence taking place, to ensure that meaningful engagement takes place via the relevant councillors at the County level.

consultation. However, if you require any further information in relation to this response please do not hesitate to contact us.

~~the design of certain elements of the proposed WWTP which are still to be developed~~ (beyond submission of the DCO application) have been taken into account in the drafting of the DCO Requirements and the Design and Access Statement App Doc Ref 7.6.

We look forward to receiving a final version of the Statement of Community Consultation in due course that takes account of these comments and demonstrates your commitment to engaging fully with the local community and the 'host' authorities through the next stages of your





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Prior to each phase of consultation launching, the Applicant engaged with County Council officers and invited local councillors to pre-briefings to ensure that information regarding the project and how it plans to engage with the public was shared ahead of formal consultation period.

Section 5 – need to ensure that those who do not have access to the internet are considered and that it may not be possible for people to visit Local Authority offices or libraries as these may still continue to be closed to the public. Local Parish Councils may be able to play an important role in terms of getting information out to the public and will have information of local community groups who also may be able to help reach people and provide

The Applicant confirmed in the SOCC that hard copies of our consultation materials will be made available via post on demand and we will publicise as part of our statutory notices a service for requesting hard copies of full technical documents. Organisations representing 'Seldom heard' groups will be contacted to ensure that our approach best meets the needs of their members and we will work with local authorities including parish and district councils to advertise and promote the

**East Cambridgeshire District Council**

I note that whilst the site location is not within East Cambridgeshire, your proposed consultation area does extend to within East Cambridgeshire's boundaries and therefore you are seeking views on the sections set out within your letter dated 18th February 2021.

Section 8 - Local District Councillors should also be invited to the community working groups.

The Applicant added District Councillors to the CWG wording in the SoCC.

them with the necessary information. The Parish Councils who are included within the consultation boundary, along with elected Councillors should also be given a point of contact at The Applicant to enable them to draw to Anglia Water's attention to any of their constituents concerns or if further information is needed or they cannot access the information provided.

consultation.

Phase Two (statutory Phase One) consultation should also be advertised using local radio and news on the TV.



**Comment on draft SoCC**

[Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project Consultation Report](#)

**Applicant response**

**Comment on draft SoCC**

Section 9 – reference is made to Twitter in respect of social media, but it may also be worthwhile using other social media platforms such as Facebook as well to try and reach more of the community. It is also suggested to utilise broadcasters within the area including BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and BBC Look East as this are other methods of reaching people who may not have a computer or access to the internet to highlight the consultation and consultation events.

Regarding the advertisement of Phase Two community consultation, the Applicant placed Local press adverts in the Cambridge News and Cambridge Independent to inform local communities of the forthcoming Phases of consultation and deadlines for providing feedback. The adverts detailed how the consultation activities were being undertaken such as dates, times and

A briefing session should also be held for Local District Councillors as well as the Parish Councils.

Section 10 – this should include Bottisham Library (subject to COVID restrictions)

**Applicant response**

locations of consultation events (if not restricted by COVID-19 measures); dates, times and registration details for webinars; and details of how to access the virtual exhibition and digital engagement platform.

The Applicant also promoted the Phase Two consultation by engaging with the following local news media outlets: Cambridge Independent, Cambridge News, BBC Radio Cambridge, BBC Look East, ITV Anglia, Business Weekly and Cambridge Live. This includes local radio and television media to broadcast the consultation to a wider audience and further ensure that interested individuals or parties are aware of our proposals and have opportunities to get involved.

Briefing sessions were held prior to the start of the consultation period.

The Applicant added Bottisham Community library to the list of CAP sites.



**Comment on draft SoCC**

**Applicant response**

~~Comment on draft SoCC~~

~~Applicant response~~

**Planning Inspectorate**

Thank you for providing the Inspectorate with your draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

This advice relates solely to matters raised upon the Inspectorate's review of the draft SoCC submitted by The Applicant ('the Applicant'), and not the merits of the proposal. The advice is limited by the time available for consideration and raised without prejudice to the acceptance or otherwise of the eventual application. It is provided to assist the preparation of the next iteration.

The Inspectorate notes that hard copies of the final SoCC will be available at a number of locations in Cambridge and elsewhere. It may also be useful to have hard copies of the documents in the immediate vicinity of the scheme, subject to there being suitable locations. It would be useful for the Inspectorate if you could provide a schedule of the newspapers and dates on which the final SoCC will be published.

The Applicant provided the Planning Inspectorate with information containing the schedule of advertisements for the first Phase of statutory consultation and confirmed the list of CAP sites being:

- South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne Business Park.
- Cambridge City Council, Mandela House.
- East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange.
- Bottisham Library,
- Waterbeach Library,
- Barnwell Rd Library,
- St. Peter's Church.

The Inspectorate acknowledges that some of these points raised may be being left open to benefit from the Local Authorities input into them. I hope you find these comments useful and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries on the above.



## 5.5 Publication of SoCC

5.5.1 The SoCC for the Proposed Development was publicised in the following ways on 09 June 2021:

- An advert was placed in local newspapers on 09 June 2021 in accordance with Section 47(6) of the 2008 Act and as detailed in Table 5-3. Copies of the SoCC advertisement as it appeared in each of these publications are included in Appendix 6.1.10 of this Consultation Report. The coverage area for these publications is shown in Figure 5.2.
- A copy of the SoCC was provided on the project website [www.cwwtpr.com](http://www.cwwtpr.com)
- Multiple hard copies of the SoCC itself were provided to all the CAP Sites
- The project Twitter account (@CambridgeWWTPR) publicised that the SoCC was now available on the project website.

**Table 5-3: Publication schedule for SoCC advertisements**

Newspapers	Publication Dates
Cambridge News	09 June 2021
Cambridge Independent	09 June 2021

## 5.6 Section 47 community consultation activities across the consultation area

5.6.1 A comprehensive approach to consulting across the consultation area using a range of accessible methods for both the core and wider consultation area is shown below:

- Direct mailing of the Community Consultation Leaflet (Appendix 6.1.17), which set out the consultation process, what was being consulted on and the consultation deadline.
- Two rounds of community consultation events, one held during statutory Phase Two consultation following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, and another round held during statutory Phase Three.
- Displaying hard copies of the consultation leaflet and feedback form at the CAP sites listed in Table 5-4)
- Advertising across 25 local information points within the vicinity of the project for the Phase Two and Phase Three community consultation (poster locations are listed in Appendix 6.1.13: Phase one (Non-statutory Consultation Advertisements (and extension advert)).

5.6.2 Throughout the wider consultation area, the following consultation activities took place:

- Engaging with the wider Cambridgeshire media as well as regional and national media through press releases and BBC Radio Cambridgeshire radio and BBC News Cambridgeshire TV interviews



- Making hard copy Development information available at 7 CAP sites across the wider consultation zone
- Advertising across 25 local information points
- Holding stakeholder meetings throughout the wider consultation area such as meetings with those listed in Table 6-3.
- Using online and social media techniques: dedicated project website and Twitter account.
- Creating a digital engagement platform for users to provide online feedback
- Creating a Virtual Exhibition for users to view consultation material in an alternative format to the community consultation document.

**Table 5-4: List of Community Access Points (CAP Sites) for statutory consultation**

Venue	Opening Hours
South Cambridgeshire District Council South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA	Tue, Wed, Thu: 10am – 3pm
Cambridge City Council Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY	Mon – Fri: 9am – 5:15pm
East Cambridgeshire District Council The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE	Mon – Thu: 8:45am – 5pm, Fri: 8:45am – 4:30pm
Bottisham Library Access Point Bottisham Village College, Lode Rd, Bottisham, Cambridge, CB25 9DL	Tue: 3pm – 5pm & 6pm – 8pm Wed: 10am – 11:30am Thu: 3pm – 5pm Fri: 6pm – 8pm Sat: 10am – 12pm
Waterbeach Library Community Centre, High Street, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9JU	Mon: 2:45pm – 5pm, Wed: 2:45pm – 5pm & 6pm – 8pm, Fri: 2pm – 5:30pm, Sat: 10am – 12pm
Barnwell Road Library 87 Barnwell Road, Cambridge, CB5 8RQ	Tue & Wed: 10am – 5pm, Thu & Fri: 2pm – 5pm, Sat: 10am – 1pm
St. Peter’s Church St. John’s Lane, Horningsea, Cambridge, CB25 9JQ	Wed & Sun: 11am – 3pm

## 5.7 Local Newspaper Coverage Area

5.7.1 Throughout each phase of consultation, several adverts were published in the Cambridge Independent and Cambridge News publications. The coverage area for each publication is shown in the Figure 5.2.





**Figure 5.2: Coverage area for the Cambridge Independent and Cambridge News newspaper overlaid with the Core Consultation Zone**

## 5.8 Additional community consultees and groups

5.8.1 In addition to 10,667 properties and local businesses consulted within the Core Consultation Zone, the Applicant identified additional local community groups, local nature conservation bodies, interest groups and harder to reach groups. These consultees were identified through early suggestions from local authorities, interest expressed at the Applicant’s Phase One community consultation and through consultation with local nature conservation bodies and interest groups. These additional consultees are listed in Table 5-5.

5.8.2 Seldom heard groups (listed in Table 5-6) were contacted directly to see if further details of the consultation were required for them to contribute. Project team members also visited a local traveller site to provide information on the consultation, this was done alongside South Cambridgeshire District Council’s Traveller Liaison Officer.

**Table 5-5: Additional Section 47 Consultees**

### Additional Section 47 Consultees

Cam Valley Forum
Cambridge Ahead
Cambridge Conservation Forum
Cambridge Conservation Forum
Cambridge Cycling Campaign (Camcycle)
Cambridge Fish Preservation and Angling Society
Cambridge Past, Present and Future
Cambridge Ramblers Group



Cambridge Rambling Club

**Additional Section 47 Consultees**

Cambridgeshire ACRE
Cambridgeshire Rowing Association
Friends of Milton Country Park
Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke
Friends of Worts Meadow
Fulbourn Day Centre
Horningsea Residents Association (HRA)
Landbeach Society
Milton Air Quality Working Party
Milton Local History Group
Natural Cambridgeshire
North Cambridge Community Partnership
Quy Fen Trustees
Quy Village Association
Save Honey Hill
The Tithe Barn Trust
Waterbeach Angling Club
Cambridge Rowing Club
Cambridge Sailing Club
Great Ouse Boating Association
Waterbeach and District Bridleways Association

**Table 5-6: Contacted Seldom Heard consultees**

**Contacted Seldom Heard consultees**

Age UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough
Alzheimer Society
Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS)
Cambridge deaf association
Cambridge Learning Disability Partnership
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Federation of Young Farmers Clubs
Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age
Camsight
Care Network Cambridgeshire
Charitable Housing Association Cambridgeshire
South Cambridgeshire Traveler Liaison Officer

## 6 Statutory Consultation under Section 47 of the 2008 Act (June 2021 – April 2022)

### 6.1 Introduction

6.1.1 This Section of the Consultation Report sets out the consultation activities undertaken by the Applicant with the people living in the vicinity of the land ('the community') to which the project relates under Section 47 of the 2008 Act.

6.1.2 As required under Section 47(7) of the 2008 Act, the Applicant carried out statutory consultation in accordance with the proposals set out in the SoCC. A summary of how the Applicant complied with Section 47(7) of the 2008 Act through commitments placed in the SoCC is detailed in Appendix 6.1.9: SoCC Compliance Checklist.

6.1.3 This Section sets out the statutory consultation undertaken in line with the commitments set out in the SoCC in chronological order, covering the period from 09 June 2021 until 27 April 2022. This period includes:

- The publication of the SoCC on 09 June 2021 accordance with Section 47 of the 2008 Act and as set out in Section 5;
- A first phase of statutory consultation (known as Phase Two consultation) which commenced on 23 June 2021 and closed on 18 August 2021; and
- A second phase of statutory consultation (known as Phase Three consultation), which commenced on 24 February 2022 and closed on 27 April 2022.

6.1.4 Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations stipulates that the SoCC must state whether the proposal is an EIA development and how preliminary environmental information will be consulted on. The SoCC included this information. The PEIR and a PEIR NonTechnical Summary (NTS) were made available for community consultees to comment on as part of the Phase Three consultation.

6.1.5 All ongoing community involvement beyond the Phase Two Section 47 Consultation (i.e. after 27 April 2022) that took place up to the point of the DCO Application submission is detailed in Section 11 of this Consultation Report.

### 6.2 Undertaking consultation under Section 47 of the 2008 Act

6.2.1 Statutory consultation under Section 47 ran as Two Phases of community consultation events;

- A first Phase of Section 47 community consultation (known as Phase Two consultation): 23 June until 18 August 2021 (allowing 56 days);
- A second Phase of Section 47 community consultation (known as Phase Three consultation): 24 February until 27 April 2022 (allowing 62 days). This Phase



of consultation ran in parallel to the statutory consultation under Section 42 and Section 48.

6.2.2 The Applicant continued ongoing engagement between the consultation Phases to enable comments to be received and considered as part of an iterative consultation process that fed into an iterative design response for the Development, demonstrating how consultation had been taken into consideration in the design of the Development.

6.2.3 The Applicant undertook the following consultation activities as set out in the SoCC:

- Briefing meetings – the Applicant visited local community groups, environmental groups, local authorities and their locally elected representatives to present information about the Development, answer key questions and receive feedback;
- Stakeholder meetings – the Applicant met with sensitive stakeholders and interest groups including local residents and near neighbours on several occasions to discuss the Development and receive feedback;
- Community Working Groups – the Applicant met with elected representatives and representatives of the local community action group to provide updates on the Development, answer key questions and receive feedback;
- Consultation events – the Applicant hosted Two Phases of consultation events: from 30 June – 16 August 2021 and from Wednesday 09 March 2022 until Tuesday 22 March 2022;
- Literature – the Applicant published and distributed a range of literature across the wider consultation area and to key stakeholders, as outlined in Table 6-1 including: community consultation leaflets, feedback forms being sent directly to properties and, non-technical summaries, fact sheets (available at Phase Two consultation) and PEIR, Draft DCO and Works Plans (available at Phase Three) sent to the CAP sites.
- Communication lines:
  - a Freephone information line: 0808 196 1661
  - Project email address: [info@cwwtpr.com](mailto:info@cwwtpr.com)
  - FREEPOST address: the Proposed Development
  - Twitter account '@CambridgeWWTPR'
  - Project website – [www.cwwtpr.com](http://www.cwwtpr.com), provided the latest development updates and all consultation materials and project information;
- Media and advertising – local media engagement and advertisements at each Phase of consultation informed the wider consultation area of the Proposed Development, this is set out in Table 6-2.



- Local information points – upon publication of community consultation leaflets, the Applicant delivered hard copies of consultation posters to local information points for members of the community to find out information on the consultation;
- CAP sites (outlined in Table 5-4) – the Applicant provided hard copies of the consultation materials at public locations both within and beyond the consultation area for people who wished to view hard copies of the Project information at any time during the consultation periods. **Table 6-1: Key stakeholders provided with consultation literature**

#### Key stakeholders provided with consultation literature

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Cambridge County Council leadership
Cambridge City Council leadership
South Cambridgeshire District Council leadership
East Cambridgeshire District Council leadership
Lucy Frazer KC MP
Daniel Zeichner MP
Planning Inspectorate
Local parish councils
Local district / ward councillors

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### 6.3 Section 47 Community Consultation Events

#### First phase of Section 47 community consultation events (Phase Two consultation)

6.3.1 In response to the feedback received to the Phase One (non-statutory) community consultation events and the relaxing of some of the government restrictions on public events, COVID secure face-to-face events were included alongside online webinars for the Phase Two consultation events. The venues for the face-to-face events were located in Horningsea and Fen Ditton, the two villages in the closest proximity of the proposed site area.

6.3.2 The consultation events were publicised in the following ways:

- A community consultation leaflet (see Appendix 6.1.17) was issued to over 9,700 properties and local businesses across the consultation area;
- Local notices were sent to 25 local information points across the consultation area (see Poster in Appendix 6.1.16);
- The consultation event details were posted on the Proposed Development website;
- The consultation event details were advertised on the Proposed Development Twitter page;



- Adverts were placed in the local newspapers as shown in Table 6-2, advertising Phase Two consultation 2 weeks ahead of its commencement as committed to in the Applicant’s SoCC (advert shown in Appendix 6.1.16);
- A press release was issued to the media (See Appendix 6.1.16).

**Table 6-2: Advertising schedule for Phase Two community consultation events**

Newspaper	Publication Dates
Cambridge Independent	09 June & 23 June 2021
Cambridge News	09 June & 23 June 2021

**Table 6-3: Attendance for the Phase Two community consultation events**

Event	Attendees
	07 July 2021 – Online Webinar
08 July 2021 – Online Webinar	17 Attendees
	10 July 2021 – Online Webinar
Horningsea Event Horningsea Pavilion, Millennium Green, High Street, Horningsea, Cambridge, CB25 9JG 20 July 2021	25 Attendees
Fen Ditton Event Fen Ditton Church Hall, 11 Church St, Fen Ditton, Cambridge, CB5 8SU August 2021	14 attendees

6.3.3 The following project information was available at the events on display and was also available on the project website:

- Community Consultation Leaflet (copies to take away) (shown in Appendix 6.1.17);
- Feedback Form (copies to take, feedback form also available online) (shown in Appendix 6.1.17);
- Consultation event display boards (shown in Appendix 6.1.17);
- Photomontages showing visualisations of the Proposed Development from various viewpoints (shown in Appendix 6.1.17);
- Non-technical Development fact sheets (copies to take away) (shown in Appendix 6.1.17)
- Following feedback received during the first event, works plans showing more detailed project information, App Doc Ref 4.3, was provided at the second face-to-face event.



6.3.4 The following hard copy information was available to read or take away at the CAP sites:

- Community Consultation Leaflet (copies to take away)
- Feedback form (copies to take away)

6.3.5 The Applicant team across the relevant disciplines were on hand to explain the Development and answer questions from members of the local community attending the events.

6.3.6 In total, 353 feedback form responses to the Phase Two consultation ahead of the consultation deadline of 18 August 2021 alongside 686 comments on the digital engagement platform. The comments from these feedback forms are summarised in Section 9 and reported in more detail in Appendix 6.1.2 of this report, together with how the feedback influenced the proposals for the Proposed Development and how the Applicant responded.

**Second Phase of Section 47 community consultation events (Phase Three consultation events)**

6.3.7 For the Phase Three consultation events, the Applicant was able to prioritise face-to-face events for this second Phase of Section 47 consultation. This included hosting five events across the Core Consultation Zone at varying times throughout the day and included a weekend event.

6.3.8 The events took place between 09 March and 22 March 2022 as shown in Table 6-4.

6.3.9 The event advertisements were included in the Section 48 Notice due to already having local coverage over multiple weeks prior to the start of the Phase Three (statutory phase two) consultation period.

**Table 6-4: Advertising schedule for Phase Three (statutory phase two) Section 47 community consultation events**

**Advertising schedule for Phase Three (statutory phase two) Section 47 community consultation events**

Publication	Publication Date
The Guardian	24 February 2022
London Gazette	24 February 2022
Cambridge Independent	16 February 2022 and 23 February 2022
Cambridge News	17 February 2022 and 24 February 2022

**Table 6-5: Attendance for the Phase Three (statutory phase two) community consultation events**

**Attendance for the Phase Three (statutory phase two) community consultation events**

Event	Attendees
09 March – Online Webinar	16



15 March – Milton Milton, Community Centre, Coles Rd, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6BL	17
16 March – Fen Ditton Fen Ditton Church Hall, 11 Church St, Fen Ditton, Cambridge, CB5 8SU	38
18 March – Quy Quy Village Hall, Main St, Stow-cum-Quy, Cambridge, CB25 9AB	12
<b>Attendance for the Phase Three (statutory phase two) community consultation events</b>	
19 March – Waterbeach Waterbeach Tillage Hall, Recreation Ground, Cambridge CB25 9NJ	14
22 March – Horningsea Horningsea Pavilion, Millennium Green, High Street, Horningsea, Cambridge, CB25 9JG	41

6.3.10 The Phase Three consultation events were publicised in the following ways:

- A community consultation leaflet (see Appendix 6.1.20) was issued to the 10,767 properties and local businesses across the consultation area on 24 February 2022;
- Section 48 notices were placed in local and national newspapers (see Appendix 24) and erected around the project site area (a plan of the locations and example of what was erected is shown in Appendix 6.1.25);
- Posters were sent to 25 local information points across the consultation area (see Poster in Appendix 6.1.13);
- A copy of the Section 48 notice and poster were also sent to the CAP sites across the wider consultation area;
- The consultation event details were posted on the Proposed Development website;
- The consultation event details were advertised on the Proposed Development Twitter page;
- A press release was issued to the media (see Appendix 6.1.19).

6.3.11 The following information was available at the events on display, to take away (where stated) and was available on the website:

- Community Consultation Leaflet (copies to take away) (shown in Appendix 6.1.20);
- Feedback form (copies to take, feedback form also available online) (shown in Appendix 6.1.20);





- Consultation event display boards (shown in Appendix 6.1.20);
- PEIR (available to read);
- PEIR Non-technical summary (copies to take away) (shown in Appendix 6.1.20);
- Draft DCO and Works Plans (available to read).

6.3.12 The following hard copy information was available to read or take away at the CAP sites:

- The PEIR;
- PEIR NTS (copies to take away);
- Community consultation leaflet (copies to take away);
- Feedback form (copies to take away);
- Section 48 notice;
- Community consultation poster.

6.3.13 The Applicant team across the relevant disciplines were on hand to answer questions from members of the local community attending the events.

6.3.14 In total, 138 people attended the Phase Three community consultation events. 186 feedback forms and 659 contributions to the digital engagement platform were received. The comments from the feedback forms and digital engagement platform are summarised in Section 9 and shown in more detail in Appendix 6.1.2 of the report together with how the Applicant has had regard to the feedback.

### Ongoing community involvement

6.3.15 Following on from the early engagement with the community and their representatives prior to the commencement of Section 47 consultation, and as set out in Section 4 of this report, the Applicant engaged with these community groups and representatives during and between the Two Phases of statutory Section 47 consultation (during and between Phase Two and Three consultation). An overview of this engagement is shown in Table 6-6.

**Table 6-6: Ongoing community involvement during and between the Two Phases of Section 47 consultation (19 August 2021 – 23 February 2022)**

Date	Stakeholder	Purpose of meeting
23 June 2021	NEC Principals Planning Group	Project update
24 June 2021	The Gatehouse	Phase Two consultation and project update
30 June 2021	Horningsea Parish Council	An opportunity for members of Horningsea Parish Council and other residents to ask questions to the project team regarding the information presented at this phase of consultation.



08 July 2021	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
24 August 2021	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Update on project
09 September 2021	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
29 September 2021	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Update on project
26 October 2021	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Update on project
05 November 2021	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
<b>Date</b>	<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Purpose of meeting</b>
10 November 2021	North East Cambridge Community Forum	To provide a brief update on project and answer questions from the community
18 November 2021	North East Cambridge Committee (South Cambridgeshire District Council)	To provide brief update on project and answer questions from the community
02 December 2021	Community Working Group	Meetings to discuss the findings of the Consultation Summary Report and the decisions made following the previous round of consultation. Including the traffic and access option chosen following feedback received from Section 47 and Section 42 consultees.
07 December 2021	District and County Councillors	Meetings to discuss the findings of the Consultation Summary Report and the decisions made following the previous round of consultation.
07 & 08 December 2021	Design Council	Second design review of proposals
09 December 2021	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
13 December 2021	Community Working Group	Follow up meeting to further discuss the decisions made following the previous phase of consultation.
20 December 2021	Cambridgeshire County Council	Update on the project following the previous round of consultation
13 January 2022	Community Working Group	Meetings to discuss the findings of the Consultation Summary Report and the decisions made following the previous round of consultation. Including the traffic and access option chosen following feedback received from Section 47 and Section 42 consultees.
14 January 2022	Daniel Zeichner MP	Meeting to discuss the findings of the Consultation Summary Report and the decisions made following the previous round of consultation. Also, to discuss the upcoming launch of the Phase Three consultation.



19 January 2021	Cambridgeshire County Council	Meeting to discuss the latest project update and upcoming consultation
26 January 2022	Cambridgeshire Police and South Cambridgeshire District Council	To discuss anti-social behavior at the proposed new site with the police and district council community officer.
01 February 2022	Cambridgeshire Beekeepers Association	To provide an overview of plans for landscape and discuss whether there were any opportunities for Bee Association.
02 February 2022	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Update on the project and programme updates in the build up to Phase Three consultation
09 February 2022	North East Cambridge Community Forum	To answer any questions on the project from the community
10 February 2022	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
15 February 2022	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Update on project
21 February 2022	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson	Meeting to discuss the findings of the Consultation Summary Report and the decisions made following the previous round of consultation. Also, to discuss the upcoming launch of the Phase Three consultation.
<b>Date</b>	<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Purpose of meeting</b>
22 February 2022	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	Further update on project and Phase Three consultation.
22 February 2022	District and County Councilors	Elected members were invited to join a pre-briefing ahead of the launch ahead of the Phase Three consultation.

6.3.16 On 14 March 2022, the Applicant also invited Save Honey Hill to another meeting during the Phase Three consultation. However, the group responded stating that due to the events that had already been attended and the opportunity to ask questions via the information lines, that there was no need for another meeting at this time.

## 6.4 Statement of compliance with statutory consultation under Section 47 of the 2008 Act.

6.4.1 In summary, the Applicant fully complied with Section 47 of the 2008 Act because:

- The Applicant consulted on the draft SoCC with all relevant local authorities as defined within Section 43(1) of the 2008 Act, giving them each at least 28 days to respond;
- In preparing the final SoCC the Applicant had regard to comments received from the relevant local authorities to the draft SoCC (as detailed in Table 5-2);
- The Applicant advertised the SoCC in the prescribed manner;
- The Applicant made available the SoCC on its project website from 09 June 2021 and it was available in hard copy on request. Hard copies of the SoCC were also placed at CAP Sites both inside and outside the Core Consultation Zone;



- The Applicant commenced statutory consultation with the community through the publication of its SoCC on 09 June 2021 and in accordance with the SoCC;
- The Applicant consulted with the community i.e. those persons defined under Section 47 of the 2008 Act as living in the vicinity of the land using a core and wider consultation area;
- In addition to those living within the consultation area for the Development, the Applicant identified and engaged with several local community groups and held briefing meetings and engaged with locally elected representatives;
- The Applicant held two phases of community consultation and two rounds of community consultation events to enable the iterative design of the Proposed Development in response to the consultation;
- The Applicant welcomed 194 people to its events across both phases;
- The Applicant ran Phase Three consultation in parallel to Section 42 consultation to invite responses from the community to the PEIR and PEIR NTS; and
- A total response period of greater than the statutory 28 days was provided for each phase of Section 47 consultation.



## **7 Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act (24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022)**

## 7 Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act (24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022)

### 7.1 Introduction

7.1.1 This Section of the Consultation Report details the statutory consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act and provides an overview of the consultation activities that took place during the consultation period commencing 24 February 2022 and closing on 27 April 2022.

### 7.2 Statutory requirements and guidance

7.2.1 In relation to Section 42(1)(a) the Applicant consulted all relevant parties listed as a prescribed consultee in Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations as well as those notified by the Secretary of State under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations referred to in this Consultation Report as the 'Section 42 consultees' and listed in Appendix 6.1.5.

7.2.2 In addition to the 'Section 42 consultees', the Applicant included a further 67 nonprescribed organisations to be consulted as Section 42 consultees (see Appendix 6.1.5, which details those prescribed and non-prescribed consultees). All of these Section 42 consultees received the same information and were consulted in the same way.

7.2.3 In relation to Section 42(1)(b), the local authorities under the definitions set out in Section 43 of the 2008 Act were consulted. The local authorities are set out in below.

7.2.4 Section 42(1)(aa) and (c) of the 2008 Act are not relevant to the Proposed Development as there is no offshore element and no land is within Greater London.

7.2.5 For the purposes of Section 42(1)(d), a person is within Section 44 of the 2008 Act if the Applicant knows that the person is an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of the land; is interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land; or is entitled to make a relevant claim if the order sought by the proposed application were to be made and fully implemented.

7.2.6 The relevant persons defined under Section 44 of the 2008 Act were consulted as part of the Section 42 consultation between 24 February 2022 and 27 April 2022. The list of Section 44 consultees consulted under Section 42 of the 2008 Act between 24 February 2022-27 April 2022 is presented Appendix 6.1.32. Appendix 6.1.32 also indicates which additional Section 44 landowners were identified for the additional targeted consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act between 15 July – 15 August 2022. Further detail of the targeted consultation is provided below in Section 7.7.

7.2.7 Prior to Section 42 consultation with Section 44 consultees, those consultees identified under Section 44 were engaged by the Applicant's land management team through



requests for responses to a landowner questionnaire and request to meet. See Section 7.5 regarding the identification of Section 44 landowners.

7.2.8 Section 45(1) of the 2008 Act states that the Applicant, when consulting a stakeholder under Section 42, must provide notification of the deadline for responses to the consultation. Section 45(2) states that such a deadline must not be less than 28 days. The Applicant gave Section 42 consultees a period of 62 days (from 24 February 2022 to 27 April 2022) for consultation responses.

### 7.3 Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

7.3.1 The PEIR and PEIR NTS were produced as statutory consultation documents for the Section 42 consultation with the Section 42 consultees (and also made available for the parallel Phase second Phase of Section 47 statutory consultation).

7.3.2 The PEIR comprised of the information specified in Part 1 of Schedule 4 of the EIA Regulations, which was compiled by the Applicant to assess the environmental effects of the Proposed Development.

7.3.3 A PEIR NTS was produced recognizing that some Section 42 consultees may wish to view a more easily digestible document and ensuring that the information was accessible to community consultees.

7.3.4 A digital PEIR was also produced, so that those wishing to view an online version of the PEIR could do so. This was done in a website format so that users could navigate the sections of the PEIR more easily than if viewing via a PDF document.

7.3.5 The PEIR, PEIR NTS, a number of documents, plans and drawings, and a copy of the Section 48 notice were provided for the statutory Section 42 consultation as set out in Section 7.7.

### 7.4 Identifying Section 43 Local Authorities

7.4.1 The following local authorities were identified by the Planning Inspectorate in their list of consultation bodies under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations 2017 and by the Applicant as per the definition of local authority under Section 43 of the 2008 Act. These Section 43 local authorities were consulted under Section 42(1)(b) of the 2008 Act:

**Table 7-1: Section 42 local authorities consultation under Section 42(1)(b) of the 2008 Act**

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Classification (as defined under Section 43 of the 2008 Act)</b>
South Cambridgeshire District Council	B
East Cambridgeshire District Council	A
Huntingdonshire District Council	A
Cambridge City Council	B



Uttlesford District Council	A
North Hertfordshire District Council	A
Braintree District Council	A
<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Classification (as defined under Section 43 of the 2008 Act)</b>
West Suffolk District Council	A
North Northamptonshire Council	D
Bedford Borough Council	D
Central Bedfordshire Council	D
Peterborough City Council	D
Cambridgeshire County Council	C
Norfolk County Council	D
Suffolk County Council	D
Essex County Council	D
Lincolnshire County Council	D (added by the Applicant in accordance with Section 43 of the 2008 Act)
Hertfordshire County Council	D (added by the Applicant in accordance with Section 43 of the 2008 Act)

## 7.5 Identifying Section 44 consultees

7.5.1 The Planning Act 2008 requires the Applicant identify parties in one or more of the categories set out in Section 44 for the purposes of consultation and notification under Section 42. This includes undertaking “diligent inquiry” to identify parties with an interest in land within Categories 1, 2 and 3, which are described as follows:

- Category 1 includes owners, lessees, tenants (whatever the tenancy period) or occupiers of the land within Order limits
- Category 2 includes parties that have an interest in the land or who have the power to sell, convey or release the land within Order limits
- Category 3 includes parties that the applicant thinks that, if the order sought by the application were made and fully implemented, the person would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim for compensation under Section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 and/or Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 and/or Section 152(3) of the Act.

7.5.2 In relation to Categories 1 and 2, the parties to receive Section 42 notification were identified using the diligent inquiry methodology as set out in Sections 4.6 - 4.9 above. These parties are listed in the Book of Reference (App Doc Ref 3.3) Appendix 32 of this Report contains a table showing where Category 1 and 2 parties, who were sent a Section 44 notice, can be found in the Book of Reference (App Doc Ref 3.3).

7.5.3 The process of identification of parties falling under Category 3 is described in Appendix 5 of the Statement of Reasons (App Doc Ref 3.1).





7.5.4 The result of this methodology was a list of properties. The relevant parties to receive Section 42 notification in relation to these properties were identified using the diligent inquiry methodology which is described in Sections 4.6 - 4.9 of this report. Appendix 32 of this Report contains a table listing all Section 44 interests including Category 3 interests who were sent a Section 42 notification, and notes where they are included in the Book of Reference (App Doc Ref 3.3).

7.5.5 The Applicant consulted with those parties identified as falling within Section 44 as part of the Section 42 consultation between 24 February 2022 and 27 April 2022. The Applicant informed the Section 44 consultees of the consultation by consulting on the following package of correspondence on 24 February 2022:

- Section 44 cover letter, informing Section 44 consultees of the Section 42 consultation (please see a copy in Appendix 6.1.27);
- A link to the electronic copy of the PEIR;
- A link to the electronic copy of the PEIR NTS;
- A link to the Draft DCO and Works Plans (CWWTTPR Draft DCO, DCO Works Plans 1-10, DCO Works Plan Key Plan);
- Copy of the Section 48 Notice.

7.5.6 In parallel with the Section 42 consultation with Section 44 consultees, the Applicant also issued landownership verifications letters to the parties identified using the diligent inquiry methodology, asking them to confirm the land ownership information held about their property. The results of this process were used, where necessary, to update the land ownership information held and so identify those parties to receive a to Section 44 consultees notice.

7.5.7 In total the Applicant received five responses from Section 44 consultees to the Section 42 consultation. These are detailed in Appendix 6.1.3 and summarised in Section 10 of this Consultation Report.

## **7.6 Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application under Section 46 of the 2008 Act**

7.6.1 Prior to commencing Section 42 consultation, the Applicant notified the Secretary of State of its intention to submit an application for development consent for the Proposed Development under Section 46 of the 2008 Act. The notification was sent to the Planning Inspectorate in hard copy on 22 February 2022 and electronically on 24 February 2022 with both submissions including the following:

- Section 46 cover letter (please see a copy in Appendix 6.1.4);
- An electronic link to the PEIR;
- An electronic link to the PEIR NTS;



- An electronic link to the Landscape, Ecological and Recreational Management Plan, the Construction Traffic Management Plan, the Travel Plan, the Soil Management Plan and Code of Construction Practice;
- An electronic link to the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and Works Plans
- Copy of Section 48 Notice;
- Copy of Section 42 letter to Section 42 consultees;
- Copy of Section 44 letter to Section 42 consultees.

7.6.2 The Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State acknowledged receipt of the notification on 28 March 2022.

## 7.7 Undertaking Section 42 Consultation

7.7.1 All Section 42 consultees were written to and/or notified by email of the commencement of the Section 42 consultation on 24 February 2022. The following documents were provided to all Section 42 consultees for consultation via email or received via tracked post on 24 February 2022:

- Section 42 cover letter (please see a copy in Appendix 6.1.26)
- An electronic link to the PEIR;
- An electronic link to the PEIR NTS;
- An electronic link to the Landscape, Ecological and Recreational Management Plan, the Construction Traffic Management Plan, the Travel Plan, the Soil Management Plan and Code of Construction Practice;
- An electronic link to the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and Works Plans
- Copy of Section 48 Notice.

7.7.2 With the Section 42 consultation period commencing on 24 February 2022 and ending on 27 April 2022, this provided a response period of 62 days (therefore exceeding the minimum 28-day statutory period set out in Section 45(2) of the 2008 Act).

7.7.3 In total 34 responses were received by the deadline of 27 April 2022. All comments received are recorded in Appendix 6.1.3 with the Applicant's response. An overview of the Section 42 feedback and Applicant's response is provided in Section 10.

7.7.4 Coinciding with the statutory Section 42 consultation period and with the spirit on continuing ongoing engagement, the Applicant also met with stakeholders on request during the consultation period including meeting the National Trust on 28 March 2022, Cambridge Sailing Club on 31 March 2022 and Cambridge Rowing Club on 04 April 2022.



## 7.8 Targeted Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act

7.8.1 Owing to changes made to the project order limits and traffic management following feedback received during the statutory Phase Three consultation period, the Applicant undertook an additional round of targeted statutory consultation under Section 42(1) of the 2008 Act, hereby referred to as 'targeted statutory consultation'.

7.8.2 The Applicant notified all Section 42, 43 and 44 consultees of the targeted statutory consultation, which related to specific points with respect to the changes made to the order limits. Consultees were notified by post (for postal contacts) on 13 July 2022 and by email (for email contacts) on 14 July 2022, formally notifying stakeholders of the consultation which ran between 15 July 2022 and 15 August 2022, therefore providing a period of 31 days to provide comments (beyond the statutory 28 days required).

7.8.3 Section 44 notices for the Targeted Consultation were sent to the same recipients who were consulted during Section 42 consultation, unless there was an identified change in ownership of those properties (see section 4.6 which explains the diligent inquiry process). If there was a change in ownership, the new owners were sent a Section 44 notice. The details of the different recipients can be found in Appendix 6.1.32.

7.8.4 In addition, 8 additional properties requiring a Section 44 notice were identified between the Phase Three consultation and the targeted consultation. The relevant parties relating to these properties were sent Section 44 notices. The details of these recipients can also be found in Appendix 6.1.32.

7.8.5 The Applicant informed the consultees of the consultation by issuing the following package of correspondence on 13 July 2022 (as provided in Appendix 6.1.30: Targeted Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act:

- Section 42 Targeted Consultation Letter Notification;
- Section 42 changes overview maps (10 maps)
- Scheme Order Limit Changes and Justifications

## 7.9 Additional Targeted Consultation

7.9.1 During November 2022, the Applicant became aware of additional parties who fall within the categories identified under Section 44 of the 2008 Act. As a result, targeted consultation was undertaken with those parties (a total of 16 consultees) on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Details of those parties can be found in Appendix 6.1.32. A copy of the notification provided can be found in Appendix 6.1.34.

7.9.2 Consultees were requested to respond to the following consultation documents, available on the project website: [www.cwwtpr.com](http://www.cwwtpr.com) and available to request in hard copy or alternative formats:



- Notice publicising the proposed DCO application under Section 48 of the 2008 Act
- The PEIR
- A non-technical summary of the PEIR
- The Landscape, Ecological and Recreational Management Plan, the Construction Traffic Management Plan, the Travel Plan, the Soil Management Plan and Code of Construction Practice
- The draft Development Consent Order and Works Plans

## **7.10 Statement of Compliance with Statutory Consultation Under Section 42**

7.10.1 In summary, the Applicant fully complied with Sections 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46 of the 2008 Act:

- The Applicant consulted with such persons as may be prescribed (Sections 42(1)(a) – (d)) and relevant to the Proposed Development, including local authorities under Section 43 and those parties listed in the relevant categories in Section 44;
- 67 additional non-prescribed consultees were scoped in as Section 42 consultees (as set out in Appendix 6.1.5);
- Notification of the Proposed Development under Section 46 was provided to the Planning Inspectorate on 22 February 2022 notifying commencement of the Section 42 consultation to start on 24 February 2022; and



- A total response period of 62 days was provided for Section 42 consultation, exceeding the statutory period of 28 days.



## 8 Statutory Consultation under Section 48 of the 2008 Act

### 8.1 Introduction

8.1.1 This Section details how the Applicant has complied with Section 48 of the 2008 Act (duty to publicise).

### 8.2 Statutory requirements and guidance

8.2.1 Section 48 of the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to publicise the proposed Application in the prescribed manner. A deadline for receipt of comments to the publicity must also be provided.

8.2.2 Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations sets out what the publicity under Section 48 of the 2008 Act should entail, which essentially is the publication of a notice in given publications, with requirements on the contents of such notice.

8.2.3 Table 8-1 specifies the publications and timing of the Section 48 notice publication.

**Table 8-1: Publication schedule of Section 48 notice**

Publication	Publication Date
The Guardian	24 February 2022
London Gazette	24 February 2022
Cambridge Independent	16 February 2022 and 23 February 2022
Cambridge News	17 February 2022 and 24 February 2022

8.2.4 Paragraph 41 of the DCLG Guidance notes that publicity under Section 48 is an integral part of the community consultation process and where possible the advertisements in local newspapers should coincide with the beginning of consultation with communities under Section 47.

8.2.5 The publication of the Section 48 notice coincided with the start of the second Phase of Section 47 community consultation and Section 42 consultation on 24 February 2022.

### 8.3 Publication of Section 48 notice

8.3.1 The Section 48 notice (see Appendix 6.1.23: Section 48 Notice) publicising the Proposed Development and advertising the intention to apply for a DCO was placed in the publications listed in Table 8-1.

8.3.2 All consultation bodies notified to the Applicant pursuant to Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA regulations were provided with a copy of the Section 48 notice as required by Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations. The Applicant also provided a copy of the



Section 48 notice to all consultees and not only those notified under Regulation 11(1)(c).

8.3.3 The Section 48 notice included the required information under Regulation 4(4) of the APFP Regulations.

8.3.4 The Applicant erected Section 48 notices around the Development site area. The notice and map of locations for the notices are shown in Appendix 6.1.25.

8.3.5 Copies of the advertisements and notices that were placed are provided as Appendix 6.1.24: Section 48 Notice Advertisements.

## **8.4 Statement of Compliance with Formal Consultation Under Section 48**

8.4.1 In summary, the Applicant fully complied with Section 48 of the 2008 Act:

- The Applicant publicised the Proposed Development in the prescribed manner as listed in Table 8-1.
- The Applicant held the Section 48 consultation between 24 February 2022 and 27 April 2022, notifying consultees of PEIR and where the consultation documents could be reviewed, and providing a period of 62 days to provide comments.
- The Applicant placed Section 48 notices around the site area for Proposed Development.

## 9 Section 47 Statutory Consultation: Responses Received, Issues Raised and Changes Made

### 9.1 Introduction

9.1.1 This Section of the Consultation Report sets out how the Applicant has complied with its duty under Section 49 of the 2008 Act to take account of consultation responses received under Section 47 of the 2008 Act.

### 9.2 Phase Two consultation responses (23 June 2021 – 18 August 2021)

9.2.1 In total, 1,046 responses were received to the Phase Two consultation between 23 June 2021 and 18 August 2021. Responses were received via hard copy and online feedback forms, the digital engagement platform and written responses from Section 47 consultees.

9.2.2 A complete list of all the individual responses received to the Phase Two consultation, including how the Applicant has had regard to these responses is included in Appendix 6.1.2: Applicant Regard to Section 47 Consultation Responses.

9.2.3 In response to the Phase Two consultation, the Applicant received:

- 686 comments from 1,201 unique respondents via the digital platform;
- 353 completed feedback forms; and
- 7 pieces of feedback via letters, emails, or phone calls.

9.2.4 In summary, and as shown in Figure 9.1:

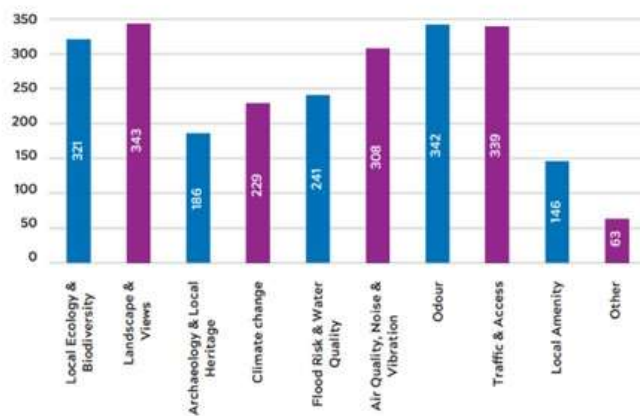
- 81% of respondents were local residents, followed by 8% regular visitors to the area;
- 54% of respondents either oppose or do not support the project, whilst 26% say they do;
- The most important environmental issues listed by respondents were landscape and views, odour, traffic and access and local ecology and biodiversity;
- Respondents said new opportunities for recreation they would like to see were access through new woodland and grassland footpaths, and a new bridleway along the old railway line;
- 76% of respondents said they would prefer more organic, planted screening;
- 55% said they would like a more natural architectural finish;



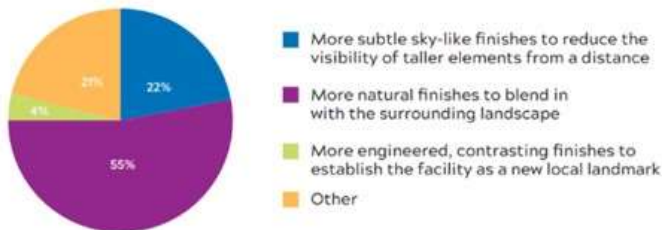


- 71% said their preferred access route to the site was via a new junction on the north side of the A14.

What environmental issues relating to the relocation project are most important to you?



What would you like to see prioritised in selecting the architectural finishes for the externally facing buildings and features of the new facility?



Which of our proposed permanent access route options do you think is the most suitable for the relocation project?

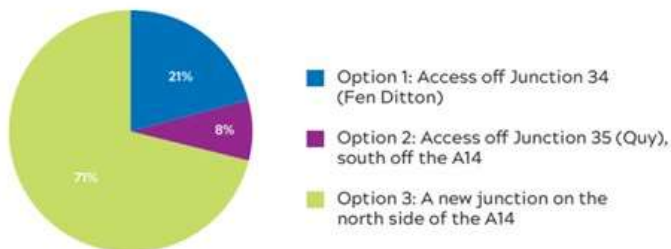


Figure 9.1: Overview of analysis from Phase Two (statutory phase one) consultation



9.2.5 A Phase Two Consultation Summary Report was produced summarising all feedback received (see Appendix 6.1.18: Phase Two (Statutory Phase One) Section 47 Consultation Summary Report). This summary report sought to respond to the macro concerns that had been raised and to thank the community for taking part in the consultation. The report outlined the ongoing EIA process and the forthcoming consultation process for consultation on the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEIR).

9.2.6 A full record of all responses received to the Phase Two consultation, and how the Applicant has had regard to these responses, is available in Appendix 6.1.2: Applicant Regard to Section 47 Consultation Responses.

### 9.3 Phase Three consultation responses (24 February – 27 April 2022)

9.3.1 In total, 890 responses were received to this Phase of Section 47 consultation between 24 February 2022 and 27 April 2022. Responses have been received via hard copy and online feedback forms, the digital engagement platform, written responses, calls, as well as feedback recorded at meetings with Section 47 consultees.

9.3.2 A complete list of all the individual responses received to the Phase Three consultation, including how the Applicant has had regard to these responses is included in Appendix 6.1.2: Applicant Regard to Section 47 Consultation Responses.

9.3.3 In response to the Phase Three consultation, the Applicant received:

- 659 comments from 151 unique respondents via the digital platform;
- 286 completed feedback forms; and
- 45 pieces of feedback via letters, emails, or phone calls.

9.3.4 In summary the response received was:

- Overall, the majority of respondents opposed the design proposals, with 78% of respondents not supporting or strongly opposing the proposals, and 15% supporting or strongly supporting the proposals.
- Respondents were asked what their views were on the revised design proposal for the Gateway Building, including its function, size, and scale. Overall respondents opposed the design proposals for the Gateway Building, with 64% of respondents opposing or strongly opposing the proposals. 30% of respondents supported or strongly supported the proposals.
- Respondents were asked for their views regarding the visitor opportunities offered at the Discovery Centre, and whether they found these opportunities suitable for the new facility. 61% of respondents said that they do not believe that the visitor opportunities at the Discovery Centre are suitable. 39% of respondents said they do find them suitable.



- Respondents were asked for their views regarding the mix in landscape proposals between people and nature, and woodland and grassland. 70% stated that the balance between proposals between places for people and nature was not appropriately balanced and 67% stated the mix in landscape between woodland and grassland is not appropriately balanced.
- Respondents were asked whether they agreed with the proposals to enhance green spaces and provide an inviting place to visit and improve recreational facilities for various groups. Again, respondents disagreed with proposals to enhance green spaces and improve recreational facilities, 72% of respondents saying that they disagreed with the proposals.

9.3.5 The Applicant has sought to respond to all comments received as presented in Appendix 6.1.2 of this report. A summary table of the most common comments received to the consultation is provided in Table 9-1.

**Table 9-1: Phase Three consultation summary comments and Applicant responses**

Summary Comments	Applicant response
<p><b>Carbon Impact</b></p> <p>Respondents are concerned with the carbon impact of building the new facility, questioning the needs case for the project, the resources that will be required to build the facility, the impact of increased traffic and access, the need for renewable energy opportunities at the facility and if further data will be provided and carbon calculations.</p> <p>The Carbon chapter of the Environmental Statement App Doc Ref 5.210: Environmental Statement – Technical Chapters, Chapter 10: Carbon) provides information of carbon calculations regarding the works to surrender the existing facility, construction of the proposed Development (embedded carbon in materials), land use change (the net impact land permanently required for the Proposed Development) and the operation of the proposed Development.</p>	



The Applicant has committed to building solar panels within the interior facing slope of the new facility. The

An Odour Management Plan has been provided,

**Visual Impact**

Respondents remain concerned over the visual impact of the new facility, stating that more landscaping is needed alongside changes to design to reduce the height of the facility.

Following Phase Three consultation the design has been reviewed in order to reduce the visual impact further. This has been done through a combination of reducing the size and massing of the buildings (details in Table 9-2), reducing ground level by up to a metre as well as enhancing the landscape design. The combination of these changes has significantly improved the visual impact App Doc Ref 5.2.15 Environmental Statement, Chapter 15: Landscape & Visual Amenity.

The Applicant has also modified the planting design to be more aligned with the local landscape. Furthermore, following Phase Three consultation, there is an addition of more mature trees to the initial planting and woodland edges, instead of just whips and transplants. The modifications to the landscape masterplan work to reduce impacts as far as possible within this landscape, through a combination of visual screening from the earth bank and over time the vegetation and a balance of openness and woodland blocks and belts. These changes remove the need for further off-site mitigation planting.

solar panels are set to have a capacity of 7MW.

**Summary Comments**

Appendix 18.4 App Doc Ref 5.4.18.4 Preliminary Applicant response

**Discovery Centre**

The Discovery Centre has received mixed feedback from the local community, who have commented in particular that the Discovery Centre should not be destination. Comments on the design were also made requesting the centre to be less imposing.

Following stakeholder consultation feedback received to Phase Three consultation, the Gateway building has now been redesigned to be more integrated within the earthwork bank structure. Furthermore, the exterior has included more defined planting and low-level screening earth works as part of the car parking area, in order to reduce visible impact. (App Doc Ref 4.10.1 Design Plans - Buildings - Gateway building floor and roof plans, App Doc Ref 4.10.2 Design Plans - Buildings - Gateway building elevations).

The Applicant also reiterates that the visitors to the Discovery Centre will be scheduled only, and therefore traffic will be minimal.

**Odour**

There continues to be concern of the potential odour impact of the new facility, as respondents dispute that they will not be able to smell the facility from local residential areas.

Odour Management Plan. The Odour Management Plan outlines the measures that will be put in place for odour, including those design modifications post Phase Three consultation e.g that there is now only one vent shaft planned, which is located at the interception shaft in the existing facility boundary. Further information is also available in App Doc Ref 5.2 Environmental Statement, Chapter 18: Odour.

Details are provided in App Doc Ref 5.2.15 Environmental Statement, Chapter 15: Landscape & Visual Amenity, Appendix 15.1 App Doc Ref 5.4.15.1 Photomontages, and Appendix 8.14 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.14) LERMP.



The Applicant held a site visit at the existing Milton facility on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 with community representatives, to demonstrate odour levels and how the design changes for the Proposed

**Biodiversity**

There is concern that not enough is being done to increase biodiversity in the area.

There remains mixed feedback in whether this should be achieved through increased tree planting or with a greater focus on grassland.

Delivering improvements and enhancements for local wildlife and biodiversity has been central to the Applicant's plans for the Proposed Development and the Applicant has consulted extensively on these opportunities with the community and stakeholders.

The Proposed Development will deliver a minimum of 20% biodiversity net gain (BNG) on the site of the proposed waste water treatment plant.

The Applicant has confirmed that faster growing species have been included in the species mix for the landscape masterplan, with all tree planting to

Development will reduce odour levels to negligible. A site visit was also held with a group of landowners on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022, when a tour of the waste water treatment plant was provided.

be deciduous to reflect the local landscape character. A comprehensive **Traffic access**

Respondents remain concerned over the traffic and access option chosen following Phase Two (statutory Phase One) consultation.

This includes avoiding congestion on the A14, safety concerns over increased HGVs and respondents want assurances that vehicles will not be travelling through local villages.

The Applicant's wider technical appraisal showed a viable alternative to Option 3 in Option 1 (presented at Phase Two consultation). It was a difficult decision for the Applicant to make knowing the community's clear preference for Option 3. However, when considering the analysis alongside stakeholder advice that a new junction to allow access directly from the A14 would only be acceptable where there were no viable alternatives, the Applicant selected Option 1: access off Junction 34 (Fen Ditton). Traffic impacts for this option were assessed and presented in the PEIR, consulted on at the Phase Three consultation.

The Traffic and Transport chapter App Doc Ref 5.2.19.

**Summary Comments**

**Applicant response**

outline LERMP Appendix 8.14 App (Doc Ref 5.4.8.14), sets out the proposed measures for the implementation, establishment and management

**Green Belt**

Respondents are concerned that the loss of greenbelt is not mitigated through the proposed enhancements to nature and amenity by the development.

The Applicant acknowledges the comments in relation to the principle of development and Green Belt impact and it is accepted that the project site lies in the Cambridgeshire Green Belt as a result of the site selection process. As part of the DCO process the Applicant evidences the special circumstances for building on Green Belt with the submission of a full assessment of the need of the proposed development in accordance with the National Policy Statement for Waste Water and the national planning policy for Green Belt (as set out in the NPPF), local development plan policies and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's (CPCA) performance indicators.

Further information is available in App Doc Ref 7.5: Planning Statement and Green Belt Assessment App Doc Ref 7.5.3.

Environmental Statement, Chapter 19: Traffic and



Transport) accounts for the mitigation measures such as those designed to minimise vehicle movements and control vehicle movements coinciding with morning and afternoon peaks, and the measures put in place to stop vehicles travelling through villages. Measures to control traffic are set out within the Code of Construction

Ref 5.4.2.2) and a Construction Traffic Management Plan Appendix 19.7 (App Doc Ref 5.4.19.7).

Owing to changes made to the Scheme Order Limits and traffic management following feedback received to Phase Three consultation, the Applicant undertook an additional round of targeted statutory consultation

Practice (CoCP) Part A and B (CTMP) Appendix 2.1 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1) and Appendix 2.2 (App Doc

under Section 42(1) of the 2008 Act.

**Table 9-2: Details of changes to building heights following Phase Three consultation**

Structure	Phase Three consultation Design Building Heights	DCO Application Design Building Heights
Sludge Storage Structures	14 m	8.5 m
Post Digestion Storage Units x2	17 m	9.5 m
Cake Storage Barn	15 m	9 m
Liquor Treatment Plant Reactor	16 m	9 m
Boiler Building	12 m	8.5 m

## 10 Section 42 Statutory Consultation: Responses Received, Issues Raised and Changes Made

### 10.1 Introduction

10.1.1 This Section provides a summary of key comments received to the Section 42 consultation by the consultees consulted as set out in Appendix 6.1.5 of this report. This Section sets out the regard the Applicant has had to the comments received to the Section 42 consultation, which was held 24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022.

10.1.2 During the Section 42 consultation, a total of 34 respondents provided comments. The complete list of all comments received, together with the Applicant responses are detailed in Appendix 6.1.3: Applicant Regard to Section 42 Consultation Responses.

### 10.2 Section 42 Responses

10.2.1 Table 10-1 provides a summary of general and specific comments received during the Section 42 consultation with respect to the EIA topic areas from Section 42 consultees.

10.2.2 All full Section 42 comments, including the Applicant's regard to these comments, are provided in Appendix 6.1.3: Applicant Regard to Section 42 Consultation Responses.





**Table 10-1: A summary of some of the comments received to the Section 42 consultation (24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022)**

Consultees	Comments	Applicant Response
<b>EIA Topic: Air Quality</b>		
Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC)	Recommendation made by CCC to ensure the Applicant operates a minimum of EURO VI for the own fleet and incorporate a condition limiting access to the site to Minimum EURO VI for contractors and subcontractors.	The IAQM criteria will be checked to see if modelling is required. If so, it will be assessed using the standard UK EURO fleet mix (part of Defra's Local Air Quality Management Toolkit). This would provide a worst-case assessment. Where significant effects are identified mitigation measures will be considered. This may include the adoption of EURO VI vehicles only.
Environment Agency, Natural England	The Combined Heat and Power (CHP) facility will need to meet stringent emission requirements to minimise effect on air quality. Modelling results awaited. Assessment Methods.	Modelling results and concentrations of air pollutants are provided in the Environmental Statement Appendix 7.1 (App Doc Ref 5.4.7.1) Air Quality the
Environment Agency	The outline details for air quality and existing site decommissioning seem reasonable. A decommissioning plan will be required.	The Outline Decommissioning Plan is included in Appendix 2.3 App Doc Ref 5.4.2.3.
Cambridgeshire County Council, Environment Agency, Natural England.	Concern for potential changes for air quality through construction and operation which should be mitigated.	This is considered in the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) Appendix 2.1 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1), CoCP Part A, Appendix 2.2 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.2) CoCP Part B.
<b>EIA Topic: Agricultural Land and Soil</b>		
Natural England, Cambridgeshire County Council	General comments made requesting details of sustainable soil handling and re-use in the landscaping proposals to ensure soils are sustainably managed and re-used.	This is considered in the Outline Soil Management Plan (SMP) Appendix 6.3 (App Doc Ref 5.4.6.3).



Natural England	Land within the DCO boundary subject to temporary and permanent disturbance should be subject to an ALC survey and total area impacted temporarily and permanently should be set out.	The Applicant has set this out within the Environmental Statement utilising Natural England Technical Information Note TIN049 guidance Appendix 6.1 (App Doc Ref 5.4.6.1) Baseline Agricultural Land Classification.
Natural England, Cambridgeshire County Council	Mitigation measures are sought to minimise the potential impact on soil resources by inherent mitigation and secondary mitigation,	This is finalised in the Outline Soil Management Plan (SMP) Appendix 6.3 (App Doc Ref 5.4.6.3).
<b>Consultees</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
<b>EIA Topic: Biodiversity</b>		
Cambridgeshire County Council, Natural England, Environment Agency, The National Trust, RSPB, Cambridge Past Present and Future.	General comments made welcoming commitment to deliver a minimum of 20% BNG through habitat creation and linear features (hedgerows).	The Proposed Development aimed for a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain (BNG) but has raised this for the project to 20% BNG. This will contribute to the doubling nature aims of local governments in Cambridgeshire.
CPRE, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Federation of Cambridge Residents.	Detailed mitigation greater than presented in the PEIR is sought to protect habitats and protected species, in particular water voles, bats, terrestrial vertebrates and aquatic species is sought. Updated surveys for Great Crested Newts are sought.	Chapter 8 Biodiversity and Biodiversity Appendices of the Environment Statement provides the detail on habitats and protected species (App Doc Ref 5.2.8.)
Fen Ditton Parish Council, Historic England, Horningssea Parish Council.	The potential significant effects on ecological features associated with internationally designated sites must be examined in detail in the ES and the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA).	This is provided for in the HRA, Appendix 8.16 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.16).
Natural England	The Anglesey Abbey CWS should be scoped into the EIA HRA assessment along with the Ouse Washes SPA, SAC, Ramsar site and SSSI.	This is provided for in the HRA, Appendix 8.16 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.16).



South Cambridgeshire Construction Practice (CoCP) Part A that District Council. The project must ensure bio-security measures to avoid spread of invasive species.

It is a requirement of the Code of the Principal Contractor(s) implement requirements in relation to Biosecurity. Appendix 2.1 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1) CoCP A.

The Environment Agency. The final effluent pipeline impacts should be included within the LERMP.

Mitigation measures for areas outside of the land required for the proposed WWTP and landscaping proposals are identified within the Biodiversity Chapter of the Environmental Statement (App Doc Ref 5.2.8). Part B of the CoCP Appendix 2.2 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.2). contains specific requirements in relation to habitat reinstatement. Furthermore, for protected species there will be separate licences required in the case of

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bats, badger and water vole. Drafts of these licences will be prepared and discussed with Natural England as part of the SOCG process.

The Ramblers, Cambridge Group. The management plan should be for a minimum of 30 years.

The LERMP confirms management for the 30-year period Appendix 8.14 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.14).

Natural England. Collaboration with the Cambridge Nature Network and green infrastructure strategies should continue through the DCO process.

The Proposed Development is designed to complement local initiatives such as the Wicken Fen Vision and the Cambridge Nature Network. The Applicant has engaged with a range of officers from local authorities (Ecology, Landscape, Greenways) as well as stakeholders such as National Trust, Wildlife Trust and RSPB. They have also engaged with other developers in the area in order to maximise opportunities. They will continue engagement during construction and operation of the Proposed Development.



The Environment Agency. Model and Assessment of the impact of the outfall on the River Cam and ensure water quality.

The design of the proposed outfall and associated section of river bank protection works incorporates design features to allow reeds / sedge to reestablish at the river margin along the affected section of the east bank. It will not be relied upon for waste water treatment but will contribute to habitat mitigation. A drainage strategy has been prepared for the area surrounding the proposed WWTP which includes attenuation features for the storage and retention of water in case of heavy rainfall under a future climate scenario. The extent and position of ponds / other temporary and or permanent water bodies within the landscape masterplan is also restricted by the airport safeguarding zone. BNG river credits will be delivered via a requirement in the DCO for the River Units Net Gain Strategy set out in the BNG report, Appendix 8.13 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.13) to be implemented.

The River Units Strategy sets out a commitment to create a series of wet ditches near the outfall location and to seek partnership or purchase for the remaining high distinctiveness river units which cannot be delivered on site.

**EIA Topic: Carbon**

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Quy Fen Trustees, South Cambridgeshire Council, Fen Ditton Parish Council, corresponding North East Cambridge Development to allow consideration of the 70% reduction claim and	General comments made seeking further information regarding the AW 70% construction capital carbon reduction for both the CWWTP relocation and corresponding North East Cambridge Development to allow consideration of the 70% reduction claim and	The Applicant is committed to achieving the 70% reduction claim. The operational carbon position will be net zero and there will therefore be a District carbon payback period. Carbon from vehicles is included in the assessment. Fen Ditton Parish Details are set out in the ES Chapter on Carbon App Doc Ref 5.2.10. Horningsea Parish carbon calculations.



Fen Ditton Parish Council, Horningsea Parish Council.	Concern regarding impact of carbon from construction traffic	Carbon from vehicles is included in the Carbon assessment. Details are set out in the ES Chapter on Carbon App Doc Ref5.2.10.
		The traffic and transport chapter App Doc Ref 5.2.19. Environmental Statement, Chapter 19: Traffic and Transport) describes the mitigation measures designed to minimise vehicle movements. Measures to control traffic are set out within the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP).
<b>EIA Topic: Landscape and Visual</b>		
The National Trust, Cambridge Past Present and Future, Cambridgeshire County Council.	Concern that the rotunda design and earthwork bank can be justified in the landscape and that there is not yet more specific detail of layouts and scaled elevational drawings.	The Design Access Statement sets out how the design was formed and designed, App Doc Ref 7.6. Details of the indicative layout of the site and scaled drawings are shown in App Doc Ref 4.9, 4.10.
Horningsea Parish Council.	The earthwork bank should be a minimum of 7m above existing, external ground level.	Following Phase Three consultation responses the design has been reviewed to further mitigate visual impact, therefore bund height needs to be considered alongside the other amendments that have taken place to the infrastructure and internal levels of the site. The ground level inside the earth bank has been lowered by 1m and therefore the 5-metre earth bank is the equivalent of a 6m screening barrier compared to that shown at Phase Three consultation before any structural height changes to the infrastructure internal to the Proposed Development. The design approach has therefore aimed to find the right balance between the height and mass of the earth bank and its screening function. The higher the earth bank the
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		more it will screen but the greater the impact the earthwork itself will have on the landscape and historic environment. From existing ground levels in



the wider context, a 5m high earth bank will be perceived as a long, linear form in the landscape which, from all but the closest locations, will not appear above the skyline. It will be integrated into its landscape setting with woodland, scrub, trees, hedgerow, and meadows softening its profile and appearance. Increasing the height of the earthwork by 1-2m would substantially increase its presence in the landscape and enlarge the area from where it would appear above the skyline. A 7m high earthwork would be more prominent in close views than a 5m high earthwork but would not have a noticeably greater screening effect when viewed from more distant locations because the tallest elements on the Proposed Development would remain visible above the earth bank. Through the process of a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) the Applicant is confident that that there would be no reduction in the significance of landscape or visual effects of the development with a 7m high earthwork compared with the 5m high earth bank. See Project Description App Doc Ref 5.2.2.

Fen Ditton Parish Council, Marshalls Group, Quy Fen Trustees.	More work is needed on the design of the Gateway Building to reduce impact and size than is currently presented with more details about how usage and numbers will be controlled and managed for the Discovery Centre.	This is addressed through redesign of the Gateway Building to blend into the bund and use of solar and green roof. This is set out in the Project Description App Doc Ref 5.2.2, Application Drawings App Doc Ref 4.9, 4.10. The Applicant will implement a scheduled programme of visits to the Discovery Centre in order to control numbers and usage.
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**EIA Topic: Historic Environment**

Historic England, Cambridgeshire County Council.	Request for clarification of historic landscape within assessment of archaeology and built heritage and requirement to distinguish between setting of historic assets when considering visual impacts in terms of setting. Further assessments that all other heritage assets within the study area will not be affected is sought	The Historic Environment Chapter of the Environment Statement sets out the distinction between historic landscape and setting of historic assets. It also sets out the historic assessments and archaeological evaluation App Doc Ref 5.2.13. Appendix 13.4 (App Doc Ref 5.4.13.4) provides the Historic Environment Impact Assessment Tables.
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Historic England, Cambridgeshire County Council.	There is a recommendation that images that relate specifically to heritage asset viewpoints and that demonstrate the specific impact upon settings are included.	Viewpoints for assessment were agreed with Historic England and the LPA's Historic Environment Advisers within the Technical Working Groups.
Historic England, Cambridgeshire County Council.	There is an acknowledgement that other environmental factors have the potential to affect historic assets such as noise, vibration light and odour.	This is considered in the Historic Environment Chapter of the Environment Statement. App Doc Ref 5.2.13.
Historic England	The impact of Shaft 4 to Poplar Hall is raised.	This is considered in the Historic Environment Chapter of the Environment Statement. App Doc Ref 5.2.13.
<b>Recreation</b>		
Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge Past Present and Future.	The proposed creation of a new public bridleway Horningsea Public Byway No17/Fen Ditton Byway No 14 to Station Road is welcomed along with the creation of three walking loops (9.3km, 3.3km and 4.5km) The status, condition and maintenance of the bridleway and control of anti- social behaviour remains a concern.	Details of the bridleway are set out in the Landscape, Environment and Recreation Management Plan (LERMP). Appendix 8.14 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.14).
CPRE, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Federation of Cambridge Residents, The Ramblers, Cambridge Group.	Any closure of a PROW should have a local diversion where possible. Management Plans should cover all areas not just the main site and clear plans setting out the development and maintenance of the earthwork bund is sought	Management of the temporary closure of PROW is set out in the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP). Appendix 2.1 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1) CoCP Part A and Appendix 2.2 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.2) CoCP Part B.
Fen Ditton Parish Council, Historic England, Horningsea Parish Council.	Early planting of fast-growing tree species is sought to mitigate visual impact. In particular, close to viewpoints and on the southwest corner and entrance of the site and the views form Waterbeach.	The Applicant has acknowledged the comments received in respect of landscaping, tree species, Phased planting and connecting pathways. Details are set out within the LERMP, including natural screening. Appendix 8.14 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.14).



Fen Ditton Parish Council, <a href="#">Historic England</a> ,	Further visuals are sought for night-time and winter periods.	Further design work has been undertaken, including an increase in planting to improve the visual impact from viewpoints on Fen Ditton and High Ditch
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Horningsea Parish Council.		Road. This chapter also considers the wider visual impact of the project Details are provided in the Environment Statement Landscape and Visual Impact Chapter. App Doc Ref 5.2.15.
Natural England, South Cambridgeshire District Council, The Quy Fen Trustees.	Increased recreational pressure on SSSIs and the impact of the introduction of new structures and landscaping should be dealt with in the Environmental statement.	Public Rights of Way surveys have been undertaken to aid in the assessment of the extent of visitor impacts. LERMP Appendix 8.14 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.14).

**Planning Policy**

Cam Valley Forum; Cambridge Past Present and Future; CPRE; Federation of Cambridge Residents; Fen Ditton Parish Council; Horningsea Parish Council; Teversham Parish Council; The National Trust; The Quy Fen Trustees;	Site location within the Green Belt and adequacy of existing site: Harm to the Green Belt and Fenland landscape:	
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<p>Cam Valley Forum;                  Cambridge Past Present and Future;                  CPRE;                  Federation of Cambridge Residents;                  Fen Ditton Parish Council;                  Horningsea Parish Council;                  Teversham Parish Council;                  The National Trust;                  The Quy Fen Trustees;</p>	<p>The Greater Cambridge Local Plan and NECAPP and lack of clear policy support for the relocation.</p>	<p>The Applicant has produced a Planning Statement in addition to the summary of policy contained in the PEIR and assesses the Development against National planning policy, the NPS, NECAPP and Greater Cambridge Local plan and other material considerations. Planning Statement App Doc Ref 7.5.</p>
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The Applicant acknowledges the comments received in respect of legislation and planning policy have been addressed through application of Green Belt planning policy in National Planning Practice Framework (NPPF) and the treatment of waste infrastructure in the context of National Policy Statements (NPS) in the Planning Statement and through the provision of additional detail relating to the issues raised in the Environmental Statement.

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The Applicant has produced a Planning Statement in addition to the summary of policy contained in the PEIR and assesses the Development against National planning policy, the NPS, NECAPP and Greater Cambridge Local plan and other material considerations. Planning Statement App Doc Ref 7.5.

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Horningssea Parish Council;	How the mitigation measures should be implemented should be the subject of consultation with Statutory bodies.	The preparation of the Odour Management Plan will be done in conjunction with Statutory consultees. A Preliminary Odour Management Plan is provided with the DCO Application Appendix 18 App Doc Ref 5.4.18.4.
South Cambridgeshire District Council; The Environment Agency; The Marshall Group;	Further details regarding the final location of vent shafts should be provided and potential risk of adverse impacts from these vents should be assessed.	The Applicant has presented updated odour modelling and assessment work in the Environmental Statement. This includes assessment of the predicted odour level contours for the vent shaft location (Chapter 18 Odour and Appendices 18.1 to 18.4 (App Doc Ref 5.4.18.1 to 5.4.18.4).
<b><u>EIA Topic: Traffic &amp; Transport</u></b>		



Cambridgeshire County Council; Fen Ditton Parish Council; Horningsea Parish Council	Concerns raised for local safety with construction traffic and access particularly regarding conflict between HGV's and LGV's and Non-Motorised Users (NMU). Control of construction traffic is of great importance.	Significant work has been undertaken to ensure engagement with the relevant Highway Authorities to ensure the junction has been modelled in accordance with all requirements and will operate within capacity. Where specific design suggestions or mitigation measures have been made these have been addressed with further assessment undertaken, where necessary, in relation to the junction design management of the construction traffic as well as operational and visitor traffic and these issues are included within the Environmental Statement and Code of Construction Practice App Doc Ref 5.2.19 Traffic and Transport Chapter, Appendix 2.1 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1) and Appendix 2.2 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.2) CoCP A & B, Appendix 19.9 (App Doc Ref 5.4.19.9) Construction Workers' Travel Plan (CWTP), Appendix 19.8 (App Doc Ref 5.4.19.8) Operational Workers' Travel Plan.
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**EIA Topic: Odour**

Cambridge City Council; East Cambridgeshire District Council; Fen Ditton Parish Council;	Further modelling is sought to ensure the risk of adverse odour impacts on receptors is sufficiently mitigated.	The Applicant has presented updated odour modelling and assessment work in the Environmental Statement. This includes assessment of the predicted odour level contours for the vent shaft locations. Mitigation and management are described in the Odour Chapter of the Environment Statement (App Doc Ref 5.2.18) ES, Chapter 18 Odour and Appendices 18.1 to 18.4 (App Doc Ref 5.4.18.1 to 5.4.18.4).
Horningsea Parish Council;	Footpaths and bridleways and the cemetery and allotments in Horningsea should be re classified as high sensitivity receptors.	Further mitigation and management measures, the modelling data on the effects on the sensitive receptors and the processes for emergencies and how they will be employed will be addressed within the Environmental Management System and Odour Management Plan, Appendix 18.4 App Doc Ref 5.4.18.4.

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Royal Mail	Further information is sought on the ANPR measures and enforcement	The control and management of construction traffic is addressed through the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), Appendix 19.7 (App Doc Ref 5.4.19.7).
Cambridgeshire District Council;	Further engagement and alignment with the Greater Cambridge Partnership and the Horningsea Greenway	The junction design considers the CCC Greenway proposals and has been coordinated via engagement in the Technical Working Group (TWG)
Waterbeach Parish Council	Consideration should be given to potential cumulative travel impacts of other developments.	Traffic Assessments have included cumulative impacts. App Doc Ref 5.2.19 Traffic and Transport).
<b>EIA Topic: Water Quality</b>		
Cam Valley Forum; Cambridgeshire County Council; Fen Ditton Parish Council; Horningsea Parish Council; South Cambridgeshire District Council; Teversham Parish Council;	Comments made confirming concern for water quality and increased CSO discharges and how this will be addressed and the effect of the relocation on flows to the River Cam.	The Applicant has provided information in the Water Resources Chapter of the Environment Statement, App Doc Ref 5.2.20 and the WFD Assessment, Appendix 20.3 (App Doc Ref 5.4.20.3). This reflects the additional work undertaken to ensure the continuance of flows in the River Cam, storm management proposals to reduce CSO discharges and to mitigate any impact to water quality on the River Cam. Any potential impact to aquatic species is addressed within the HRA, Appendix 8.16 (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.16).

CPRE; Fen Ditton Parish Council	A reduced concentration in final treated effluent discharges of phosphorus and ammonia is sought.	Full details of Phosphorus and Ammonia standards and limits set by the Environment Agency for the final effluent discharges are detailed within the EPR permit application.
Horningsea Parish Council	and development of enhanced pedestrian and cycle access and facilities	meetings for Transport. The Applicant has engaged with the Horningsea Greenways team as they have developed their own designs to ensure there are no conflicts with the Proposed Development.
South Cambridgeshire District Council; Waterbeach District Bridleway	NMU users route infrastructure should accommodate equestrians	The Applicant has considered general NMU provision throughout the design of the project and incorporated additional bridleway access. Peak hour surveys do not indicate significant equestrians along Horningsea Road. As a result of discussion with technical experts within the Traffic and Access TWG and PROW TWG, and following further internal assessment, it is not agreed that the Horningsea overbridge is suitable for the inclusion of equestrians.

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The Environment Agency; Waterbeach Parish Council	The impact of the relocation of the outfall on habitats and water quality and recreational users.	The design and construction of the outfall is managed within the CoCP and is undertaken in conjunction with stakeholders Appendix 2.1( App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1) and Appendix 2.2 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.2) CoCP A & B.
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**EIA Topic: Water Resources**

Fen Ditton Parish Council; Horningsea Parish Council; Environment Agency; Quy Fen Trustees	Comments on hydrological effects principally the potential for any contamination of the Black Ditch to affect the sensitive notified features of the SSSI and potential sub-water table transmission of pollutants within principal and secondary aquifers for Waterbeach pipeline.	The Applicant has addressed this through the provision of additional detail relating to the issues raised in the Environmental Statement, Chapter 20 Water Resources, App Doc Ref 5.2.20 and in the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) Appendix 2.1 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1), and Appendix 2.2 (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.2), CoCP A & B, which will be agreed with stakeholders.
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### 10.3 Section 44 Consultee Comments

- 10.3.1 The Applicant received 5 responses to the Section 42 consultation from Section 44 consultees consulted under Section 42(1)(d) of the 2008 Act.
- 10.3.2 Full comments received and how the Applicant responded are set out in Appendix 6.1.3 of this report.
- 10.3.3 The Applicant continued discussions with Section 44 consultees regarding their land interests and in order to seek agreement with landowners to secure the land use powers it needs by agreement with the parties that own and occupy the land which the Development would affect. To that end, the Applicant has initiated and engaged in negotiations with the affected parties, as presented the Statement of Reasons App Doc Ref 3.1.

### 10.4 Section 48 comments

- 10.4.1 No specific responses were received to the Section 48 notice.

### 10.5 Response to Targeted Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act (15 July – 15 August 2022)

- 10.5.1 Owing to changes made to the project order limits and traffic management following feedback received during the Phase Three and Section 42 consultation, the Applicant undertook an additional round of targeted statutory consultation under Section 42(1) of the 2008 Act, hereby referred to as 'Targeted Statutory Consultation'.
- 10.5.2 The Applicant notified all Section 42, 43 and 44 consultees of the Targeted Statutory Consultation, which related to specific points with respect to the changes made to the order limits. Consultees were notified by post (for postal contacts) on 13 July 2022 and by email (for email contacts) on 14 July 2022, formally notifying stakeholders of the consultation which ran between 15 July 2022 and 15 August 2022, therefore providing a period of 31 days to provide comments (beyond the statutory 28 days required).
- 10.5.3 Notification of the Targeted Statutory Consultation was sent to all Section 42 consultees (as defined in Appendix 6.1.5 and 6.1.32), unless there was an identified change in ownership of those properties (see Section 4.6 of this report which explains the diligent inquiry process). If there was a change in ownership, the new owners were sent a Section 42 notification of the Targeted Statutory Consultation. The details of all Section 44 recipients can be found in Appendix 6.1.32.
- 10.5.4 In addition, 8 additional properties requiring a Section 42 notice were identified between the Section 42 consultation and the Targeted Statutory Consultation. The



relevant parties relating to these properties were sent Section 44 notices. The details of these recipients can also be found in Appendix 6.1.32.

10.5.5 The Applicant informed the consultees of the consultation by issuing the following package of correspondence (as provided in Appendix 6.1.30: Targeted Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act):

- Section 42 Targeted Consultation Letter Notification;
- Section 42 changes overview maps (10 maps)



- Scheme Order Limit Changes and Justifications

10.5.6 In total 24 responses were received by the deadline of 15 August 2022. Two further pieces of feedback were received on 22 August 2022 and have also received full consideration from the Applicant. Full comments received and how the Applicant has responded are set out in Appendix 6.1.31: Applicant Regard to Targeted Statutory Consultation Responses under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.



## 11 Ongoing Consultation Activities

### 11.1 Introduction

11.1.1 This Section provides a summary of the ongoing engagement undertaken with consultees following the close of the statutory consultation period on 27 April 2022.

11.1.2 It provides a summary of continued discussions with a number of consultees following Section 42 consultation and the ongoing discussions with consultees to reach positions of agreement or understanding for the Proposed Development.

### 11.2 Ongoing community involvement

11.2.1 Table 11-1 sets out ongoing discussions the Applicant has held with community representatives from 27 April 2022 through to submission.

**Table 11-1: Summary of meetings following 27 April 2022 until submission**

Date	Stakeholder	Key Issues Discussed
11 May 2022	Cambridgeshire County Council	Highway Proposals - speed limits
12 May 2022	Cambridgeshire County Council	Use of ANPR cameras and extent of powers within the DCO.
13 May 2022	Cambridgeshire County Council	Traffic Management requirements, the Waterbeach pipeline works and TTRO's.
25 May 2022	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service	Follow up after the close of Phase Three consultation
26 May 2022	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service	Further discussion regarding project after close of Phase Three consultation
01 June 2022	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service	Update on project
09 June 2022	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
28 June 2022	Community Working Group Meeting	Meeting to discuss the findings of Phase Three consultation and to inform attendees of the Proposed Development changes that have taken place since. Attendees were also informed of the DCO application process and how they can get involved.
28 July 2022	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service	Update on project
04 August 2022	NEC Principals Planning Group	Update on project
25 August 2022	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service	Update on project
5th October 2022	North East Cambridge Community Forum	Presentation on key amends and updates to the Proposed Development post Phase Three consultation
9th January 2023	North East Cambridge Communications Group	Presentation on Consultation Summary Report and key amends and updates to the Proposed Development post Phase Three consultation





10th January 2023	Lucy Frazer MP	Presentation on Consultation Summary Report and key amends and updates to the Proposed Development post Phase Three consultation
<b>Date</b>	<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Key Issues Discussed</b>
17th January 2023	SCDC Planning Transport and Scrutiny Committee.	Presentation on Consultation Summary Report and key amends and updates to the Proposed Development post Phase Three consultation
17th January 2023	Cambridge City Councillors	Presentation on Consultation Summary Report and key amends and updates to the Proposed Development post Phase Three consultation
18th January 2023	Ward and Parish Councillors	Presentation on Consultation Summary Report and key amends and updates to the Proposed Development post Phase Three consultation
19th January 2023	CWWTPR Community Working Group	Presentation on Consultation Summary Report and key amends and updates to the Proposed Development post Phase Three consultation

11.2.2 The Applicant also invited the CWG members to attend an odour site visit at the existing facility. This was undertaken following previous feedback received over the implications of what a ‘negligible’ odour level would be like for the community. This meeting took place on 20 July 2022.

11.2.3 Following a health and safety briefing, attendees walked around the site with members of the project team, following the waste water treatment process. As attendees were taken through the different stages, odour levels were discussed to explain how odour is created and highlight the key differences in measures to mitigate odour at the existing site and the new, proposed site.

### 11.3 Ongoing engagement with technical stakeholders

11.3.1 The Applicant continued engaging with technical stakeholders through the TWGs after the end of the statutory consultation period (27 April 2022), as set out in Table 11-2.

**Table 11-2: Ongoing Technical Working Group meetings**

Technical Working Group (TWG)	Date	Organisations Represented	Key Issues Discussed
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Biodiversity and Ecology	04/08/22	Natural England The Environment Agency Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Cambridgeshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final survey conclusions; Bats, Water Voles, Badgers; reptiles and aquatic habitats. Non-motorised user counts.</li> <li>Landscape masterplan</li> <li>Mitigation summary</li> <li>Lighting</li> </ul>
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Technical Working Group (TWG)	Date	Organisations Represented	Key Issues Discussed
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- CoCP
- Next Steps and ongoing programme of engagement

Traffic and Access	28/04/22	Highways England Cambridgeshire County Council Greater Cambridge Shared Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase Three consultation feedback.</li> <li>Junction design. Further mitigation work required on pedestrian and cycle routes.</li> <li>Impact on exit slip road.</li> <li>Identify further meeting requirements for speed limits and junction analysis.</li> </ul>
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Traffic and Access	30/06/22	National Highways Cambridgeshire County Council Greater Cambridge Shared Planning South Cambridgeshire District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programme and</li> </ul>
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- Equestrian use of A14 bridge
- Draft CoCP/CTMP proposals, mitigation and pedestrian/vehicular sharing on Horningsea Bridge
- Lighting
- Waterbeach Access
- Traffic Survey/Modelling/ES update



engagement next steps on completion of ES

Environmental Health (Air, Odour, Noise)	29/04/22	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning South Cambridgeshire District Council Cambridgeshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Response and feedback to Phase Three consultation.</li> <li>Odour management plan; impact and method;</li> <li>What is expected/what areas of responsibility are covered outside of EPR permit</li> <li>Recreational receptors on footpaths</li> <li>Noise and Vibration</li> <li>Decommissioning cumulative impact assessment approach agreed</li> <li>Tunnelling and pipeline impacts and assessments</li> </ul>
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Technical Working Group (TWG)	Date	Organisations Represented	Key Discussed	Issues
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Liaison Officer procedure and process agreed</li> <li>Air Quality</li> </ul>	

Public Rights of Way	28/04/22, 23/06/22	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning South Cambridgeshire District Council Cambridgeshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on Landscape Masterplan and proposed new bridleway and publicly accessible path through landscaped site area.</li> <li>Review of mitigation measures for the LERMP, CoCP and CTMP including plans for temporary diversions and other mitigations for PROW during construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreement on plans for Low Fen Drove Way:</li> <li>Update on consideration for Equestrians</li> <li>Agreement on position on Anti-Social Behavior and any scheme impacts</li> <li>Update on DCO plans and</li> </ul> <p>Draft DCO schedules for PROW works and DCO provision being applied for.</p>
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11.3.2 A further series of TWG’s was held in early December 2022 following the advance disclosure to each group of the final versions of the relevant Environment Statement chapters for their respective disciplines. The purpose of each meeting was:

- to provide a review of the programme for 2023;
- confirm with stakeholders their position on the consultation undertaken to date;
- provide further technical comments on the final chapters presented in advance;
- seek agreement on the Baseline Assessment and methodology applied;
- obtain further comments on the mitigation presented and proposed and the mitigation phasing and co-ordination.

11.3.3 The meetings were held as shown in Table 11-3 and all confirmed that they were satisfied with the engagement and consultation undertaken to date. Their final position was reserved until such time as they could have full consideration of all the DCO material.

**Table 11-3: Further Technical Working Group meetings**

Date	TWG Group	Attendees
05 December 2022	Environmental Health TWG	Greater Cambridgeshire Shared Planning (GCSP) Council Officers for Noise and Vibration, Air Quality, Lighting, Community Liaison and Odour.
7 December 2022	Traffic and Access TWG	GCSP, Cambridge County Council Transport Officers, Highways England.
8 December 2022	Biodiversity and Ecology	GCSP Ecology Officers, Cambridge County Council Ecology Officers.
9 December 2022	Water Resources	GCSP Officers, Environment Agency, Internal Drainage Board, Lead Local Flood Authority Officers.

11.3.4 In response to the discussion in the TWG on 09 December 2022, the Environment Agency provided a response to the Applicant with respect to updated planning guidance requiring the Applicant to make amends to the Flood Risk Assessment, Appendix 20.1 (App Doc Ref 5.4.20.1). The Applicant has continued dialogue with the EA confirming that the assessment is generally acceptable and the Applicant is continuing discussions to resolve final comments.

11.3.5 The Applicant is proposing to enter into Statements of Common Ground with the following parties, and has had extensive and continued engagement with those parties as relevant as the project has evolved. Discussions with all parties are ongoing at this stage and the Applicant hopes to submit draft Statements of Common Ground with those parties early on in the Examination.

- South Cambridgeshire District Council
- Cambridge City Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Natural England
- The Environment Agency
- National Highways
- Historic England
- Waterbeach Level and Swaffam Internal Drainage Boards
- Network Rail
- The Cam Conservators
- Cadent
- Cambridge Water
- Eastern Power Networks
- Save Honey Hill Action Group
- The National Trust
- The Wildlife Trust

11.3.6 A summary of ongoing landowner engagement can be found in Appendix 2 of the Statement of Reasons App Doc Ref 3.1. The Applicant will continue this engagement after submission of the Application, with the aim of securing the necessary land and rights in land for the Proposed Development.

## 12 Conclusion

### 12.1 Concluding remarks

- 12.1.1 As one of the largest energy users in the East of England, the Applicant (Anglian Water) is committed to reaching net zero carbon operational emissions by 2030. The design vision goes beyond just building a new plant. It isn't simply about moving an old facility to a new location. The plant is planned to become a flagship water recycling centre, marking a significant step forward in process efficiency and environmental performance.
- 12.1.2 The design for the Proposed Development has evolved iteratively in response to feedback received throughout the pre-application consultation with the community, landowners, and prescribed consultees. By undertaking iterative consultation, consultees have been able to observe how their feedback has influenced the proposals as the final design has evolved.
- 12.1.3 Early engagement was held as part of the Phase One non-statutory consultation the Applicant undertook from 08 July – 14 September 2020 on the site selection for the Proposed Development. The feedback to this consultation contributed to the site selection process for the final site.
- 12.1.4 The Applicant adapted to the Government's restrictions to social contact and gatherings owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and made available its consultation materials and feedback channels by way of a bespoke virtual exhibition space and digital engagement platform, as well as hosting several community and stakeholder webinars. These measures were implemented for Phase One consultation and applied for all consultation phases, even when COVID-19 restrictions were eased.
- 12.1.5 The Applicant has carried out comprehensive pre-application consultation on the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project pursuant to the 2008 Act. The consultation has met and exceeded the requirements of the 2008 Act and has taken into account the relevant advice and guidance published by the Planning Inspectorate and UK Government.
- 12.1.6 This consultation report sets out the consultation activities which have been undertaken under Sections 42, 43, 44, 46, 47 and 48 and details the regard had to responses under 49 of the 2008 Act. Anglian Water developed an iterative, transparent and meaningful approach to both non-statutory and statutory consultation. All statutory consultation was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act and the full suite of associated legislation and guidance as set out in Section 2 of this report.
- 12.1.7 The Applicant has complied with the requirements as set out in the 2008 Act as follows:

- Undertaking Section 47 consultation over two statutory phases and as set out in Sections 5 and 6 of the report. This includes consultation on the draft SoCC with relevant local authorities, publication of the SoCC across the consultation area, making the SoCC available for inspection and undertaking consultation as set out in the SoCC.
- Undertaking consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act with Section 42 consultees as identified in Chapter 8 of this report. This includes consultation with all relevant consultees under section 42(1)(a), section 42(1)(b) and section 42(1)(d). Section 42(1) (aa) and Section 42(1)(c) are not relevant to the Proposed Development.
- Notification to the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application under Section 46 of the 2008 Act, as set out in Section 7 of this report.
- Publicising the Proposed Development as required by Section 48 of the 2008 Act, as set out in Section 8 of this report. This included the publication of the Section 48 notice in two local newspapers (Cambridge Independent and Cambridge News), The Guardian and The London Gazette. This also included notification to consultation bodies in line with the EIA Regulations 2017.
- The Applicant has demonstrated the regard had to all statutory consultation responses received, as required by Section 49 of the 2008 Act as set out in Appendices 6.1.2 and 6.1.3 of this report with further summaries provided in the executive summary and Sections 9 and 10 of the report.

12.1.8 Extensive consultation has been undertaken with landowners, and the Applicant is in the process of reaching voluntary agreements with them where possible.

12.1.9 The Applicant has increased its reach within the community through its CWGs, which have been attended by community representatives and held on a regular basis to discuss and engage on key issues throughout the pre-application phase.

12.1.10 Through the TWGs, the Applicant has consulted extensively with stakeholders involved in the TWGs to enable a focused discussion on key issues where feedback has informed the development of the Proposed Development in conjunction with the EIA process, community consultation and technical considerations.

12.1.11 The Applicant will continue its commitment to engagement after the DCO application submission in order to finalise detailed designs; this will include the agreement of SoCG with stakeholders where appropriate. In addition, engagement will continue with persons with interests in the land throughout the examination and beyond, in order to acquire any necessary rights by agreement as far as possible.

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