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00:00:03,810 --> 00:00:04,900

Good afternoon everyone.

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00:00:05,650 --> 00:00:09,140

It's now two o'clock and time for me to open this open floor hearing.

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00:00:10,040 --> 00:00:12,060

Can I just confirm that everybody can hear me clearly?

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00:00:16,040 --> 00:00:19,660

Can I also confirm with Maal that the live streaming of the event has commenced?

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00:00:22,190 --> 00:00:27,060

Thank you for those people watching the livestream. Let me explain that.

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00:00:27,060 --> 00:00:28,780

If the proceedings are adjourned at any point,

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00:00:29,350 --> 00:00:32,580

we'll have to stopped the live stream in order to give us clear recording files.

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00:00:33,890 --> 00:00:35,220

When the meeting is resumed,

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you'll need to refresh your browser to view the restarted live stream.

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I'll remind you of this again, should we need to adjourn.

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00:00:43,570 --> 00:00:47,020

This hearing is being held in connection with an application made by Anglia

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00:00:47,020 --> 00:00:48,020

Water Services Limited,

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00:00:48,930 --> 00:00:53,140

whom we we'll refer to as the applicant for an order for an order for

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00:00:53,140 --> 00:00:56,460

development consent for the Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant relocation

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00:00:56,460 --> 00:01:00,060

project. My name is Alex Hudson.

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00:01:00,680 --> 00:01:03,220

I'm a chartered town planner and a chartered landscape planner.

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00:01:04,520 --> 00:01:07,220

I'm a planning inspector employed by the planning Inspectorate,

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00:01:07,560 --> 00:01:11,100

and I've been appointed by the Secretary of State for leveling up housing and

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00:01:11,100 --> 00:01:14,460

communities to be the lead member of the panel to examine this application.

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00:01:15,960 --> 00:01:19,420

I'm now going to ask the other panel members also been appointed by the same

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00:01:19,700 --> 00:01:23,060

Secretary of State to examine this application to introduce themselves.

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00:01:28,260 --> 00:01:30,230

Good afternoon. My name is Paul Burley.

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00:01:30,450 --> 00:01:32,550

I'm a chartered town planner and planning inspector.

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00:01:34,340 --> 00:01:37,030

Good afternoon. My name is Helena Reky.

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00:01:37,210 --> 00:01:40,750

I'm a chartered town planner and planning inspector, and I'll hand back to Mr.

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00:01:40,750 --> 00:01:41,583

Hudson.

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00:01:42,630 --> 00:01:46,110

Together we will be reporting to the Secretary of State for Environment Food and

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00:01:46,110 --> 00:01:49,710

Rural Affairs with a recommendation as to whether develop the development

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00:01:49,710 --> 00:01:50,870

consent order should be made.

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00:01:52,730 --> 00:01:56,070

The case manager for this project is Deborah Allen. Ms.

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00:01:56,070 --> 00:01:59,830

Allen is being supported here today by Ramil Bernie, the case officer,

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00:02:00,690 --> 00:02:03,790

and Melissa Whitlock and Rebecca Evans are providing support remotely.

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00:02:05,250 --> 00:02:08,510

If you have any questions or queries about the examination or the technology

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00:02:08,520 --> 00:02:11,870

we're using for blended or virtual offense, Ms.

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00:02:11,870 --> 00:02:13,550

Allen should be your first point of contact.

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00:02:14,300 --> 00:02:17,950

Contact details can be found at the top of any letter you've received from us or

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00:02:17,950 --> 00:02:20,630

on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

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00:02:23,290 --> 00:02:25,190

Before I get onto the main part of this hearing,

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I'll highlight a few housekeeping matters and background matters.

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This hearing will be live streamed and recorded.

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The recording will be retained for five years from the Secretary of State's

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00:02:35,510 --> 00:02:37,670

decision by the planning inspectorate.

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The recording will be published on the project page of the National

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Infrastructure website soon after the hearing closes.

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To assist viewers and listeners,

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00:02:46,670 --> 00:02:49,230

anyone speaking should introduce themselves before they speak.

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00:02:51,770 --> 00:02:53,510

As the recordings are retained and published,

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00:02:53,510 --> 00:02:58,270

they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the

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General Data Protection Regulation applies.

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Our letter of 19th of September known as a Rule six letter includes a link to

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00:03:06,200 --> 00:03:07,760

the planning Spectra's Privacy Notice,

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00:03:08,450 --> 00:03:10,560

which provides further information on this topic.

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00:03:12,380 --> 00:03:15,520

If there's a need to refer to information that participants would otherwise wish

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00:03:15,520 --> 00:03:19,840

to be kept private and confidential, it should be in writing,

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00:03:20,290 --> 00:03:22,400

which can be redacted before being published

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00:03:24,300 --> 00:03:28,000

for those participating in the open floor hearing via via Microsoft Teams.

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00:03:28,740 --> 00:03:31,640

If you prefer not to have your image recorded, you can switch your camera off.

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00:03:32,750 --> 00:03:35,400

Also, in order to minimize background noise,

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00:03:35,460 --> 00:03:39,360

please ensure your microphone or telephone is muted and that you stay muted

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00:03:39,360 --> 00:03:40,280

unless you are speaking.

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00:03:42,530 --> 00:03:45,800

We're not expecting any fire alarms today, so if the alarm goes off,

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00:03:46,340 --> 00:03:51,160

the procedure is to leave the room by any of these exits and follow the main

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00:03:51,160 --> 00:03:55,440

stairs and assemble at the front of the hotel toilet's located in the lobby

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00:03:56,020 --> 00:03:57,560

and by the front reception desk.

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00:03:58,970 --> 00:04:03,640

We'll take a short break around 3:30 PM if it appears that we will need to

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00:04:03,840 --> 00:04:05,800

continue much before much beyond that time,

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00:04:08,430 --> 00:04:09,760

I'll now hand hand over to Mr.

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00:04:09,780 --> 00:04:13,600

Burley who will outline the purpose and conduct conduct of this open floor

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00:04:13,600 --> 00:04:15,560

hearing. Thank you.

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00:04:16,220 --> 00:04:20,600

The purpose of the open floor hearing provides an opportunity for interested

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00:04:20,600 --> 00:04:25,160

parties to make their oral submissions about the application to the examining

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00:04:25,160 --> 00:04:25,993

authority.

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00:04:26,540 --> 00:04:30,520

It also gives us an opportunity to ask speakers questions about the evidence

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00:04:30,520 --> 00:04:31,760
that they've presented.

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00:04:33,020 --> 00:04:36,240
The agenda for this meeting was set out in our Rule six letter.

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00:04:37,450 --> 00:04:42,200
Today we will hear first from interested parties who have noticed
notified us in

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00:04:42,200 --> 00:04:47,040
advance of the hearing that they wish to speak and completed the
participation

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00:04:47,070 --> 00:04:47,903
form.

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00:04:48,150 --> 00:04:52,080
They will be followed by any parties who will be heard at the
discretion of the

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00:04:52,240 --> 00:04:53,073
examining authority.

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00:04:54,450 --> 00:04:58,320
Given the number of interested parties who've requested to speak at
this

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00:04:58,320 --> 00:05:03,040
meeting, we do not intend to set a strict time limit for all
submissions.

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00:05:03,800 --> 00:05:04,633
Nevertheless,

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00:05:04,870 --> 00:05:09,840
they should be sufficiently concise to the point and be concluded
within five

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00:05:09,840 --> 00:05:13,480
to 10 minutes. We'll remind you if you do reach 10 minutes.

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00:05:14,980 --> 00:05:19,360

May I also remind you that you were invited to include a written summary of your

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00:05:19,470 --> 00:05:21,200

oral submission at Deadline one.

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00:05:21,540 --> 00:05:24,880

That's Monday 20th of November, 2023.

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00:05:27,030 --> 00:05:27,960

Once you've spoken,

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00:05:28,340 --> 00:05:32,120

we may wish to ask you questions that will not of course,

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00:05:32,150 --> 00:05:35,680

intrude upon your speaking time. Finally,

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00:05:36,380 --> 00:05:40,200

the applicant will be given an opportunity to briefly respond to any matters

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00:05:40,260 --> 00:05:45,080

raised after all speakers have been heard either orally or before the

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00:05:45,080 --> 00:05:49,560

close of the hearing, or to submit a written response at Deadline one.

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00:05:51,540 --> 00:05:54,760

Can I check please? Who will be speaking for the applicant today?

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00:05:56,710 --> 00:05:59,360

Good afternoon. Thank you, sir. Karen Barclay for the applicant.

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00:05:59,650 --> 00:06:03,120

Thank you. I'll now hand over to Mr.

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00:06:03,590 --> 00:06:07,880

Reky who will run through the list of interested parties who've notified us in

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00:06:07,880 --> 00:06:09,800

advance that they wish to speak.

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00:06:11,690 --> 00:06:12,523

Thank you.

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00:06:13,460 --> 00:06:17,600

The following persons and and or organizations have notified us that they wish

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00:06:17,600 --> 00:06:22,240

to speak. They are Charles Jones for, uh, ton Parish Council.

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00:06:24,730 --> 00:06:25,563

Thank you very much,

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00:06:26,550 --> 00:06:30,000

Francis. Uh, Ani, uh, for television Parish Council,

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00:06:33,700 --> 00:06:37,640

uh, Dr. Allen James for C p r e Cambridge in Peterborough.

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00:06:38,140 --> 00:06:38,973

So virtual.

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00:06:49,840 --> 00:06:50,673

Yep.

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00:06:51,000 --> 00:06:53,740

Uh, Ian, uh, rules for Cambridge Friends of the Earth.

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00:06:59,900 --> 00:07:01,910

Tony Booth for Friends of the River Cam

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00:07:03,340 --> 00:07:04,173

Sitting here

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00:07:06,050 --> 00:07:08,070
At Margaret Starkey for Safe Honey Hill Group.

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00:07:09,000 --> 00:07:09,833
Thank you Madam

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00:07:11,750 --> 00:07:13,990
Esther, writer for Safe Honey Hill Group.

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00:07:19,580 --> 00:07:22,280
Um, Madam, I'm here at Ian Gilder. Um,

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00:07:22,800 --> 00:07:25,280
Esther is our barrister and isn't here in person,

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00:07:25,380 --> 00:07:26,720
but she's virtually a vulnerable

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00:07:26,770 --> 00:07:27,603
Thank you.

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00:07:32,900 --> 00:07:34,400
Can I check, is she speaking today?

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00:07:35,290 --> 00:07:37,120
She's not. Okay, thank you.

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00:07:39,980 --> 00:07:44,920
Uh, Ian Gilda for Safe Honey Hill Group and onto the, um,

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00:07:44,990 --> 00:07:47,400
individuals, uh, Florian Za

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00:07:52,860 --> 00:07:53,693
online.

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00:07:58,490 --> 00:07:59,323
Fiona Orm,

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00:08:07,870 --> 00:08:08,703
Jane Williams.

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00:08:20,610 --> 00:08:22,140
Phillip Goodwin. Yes,

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00:08:22,140 --> 00:08:22,973
That's me

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00:08:25,840 --> 00:08:26,673
And Liz Cotton.

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00:08:27,200 --> 00:08:28,033
Yes.

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00:08:31,280 --> 00:08:34,140
As you've just heard, uh, there are two people, uh, sorry,

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00:08:34,140 --> 00:08:37,300
three people representing Safe Honey Hill Group, Margaret Starkey,

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00:08:37,580 --> 00:08:39,420
Esther Rabkin writer, and Ian Gilda.

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00:08:39,800 --> 00:08:42,300
If you are all intended speaking today on behalf of the same group,

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00:08:42,440 --> 00:08:45,460
but then I would ask that the same points aren't repeated. Please.

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00:08:47,080 --> 00:08:50,260
Is there any particular order which those representing SAP Pony Hill
Group wish

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00:08:50,260 --> 00:08:51,140
to be heard in today?

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00:08:51,780 --> 00:08:54,990
I, I would believe that.

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00:09:02,860 --> 00:09:05,280
Is there anyone else here today in the room who wishes to speak?

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00:09:09,940 --> 00:09:12,360

Is there anyone else attending virtually who wishes to speak?

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00:09:18,300 --> 00:09:19,400

Yes, I do. Yes, I do.

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00:09:22,050 --> 00:09:23,230

Dr. Allen. James, thank you.

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00:09:29,000 --> 00:09:31,070

Thank you. I will now invite all submissions.

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00:09:32,250 --> 00:09:35,430

If I could please invite Charles Jones offended to Parish Council,

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00:09:35,430 --> 00:09:38,710

please to come to the table. Oh, sorry. You're staying there, aren't you?

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00:09:40,200 --> 00:09:41,350

Thank you very much, madam.

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00:09:41,610 --> 00:09:44,430

If you could, um, introduce yourself and who you represent.

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00:09:44,540 --> 00:09:47,270

Charles Jones from Offended in Parish Council. Thank

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00:09:47,270 --> 00:09:47,990

You.

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00:09:47,990 --> 00:09:51,830

Offended in Parish Council will submit a written submission and will provide

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00:09:51,830 --> 00:09:53,190

further evidence that the, uh,

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00:09:53,190 --> 00:09:58,070

interim issue specific hearings vented in parish covers over

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00:09:58,170 --> 00:10:02,750

600 dwellings and the number will continue to rise rapidly as the planned

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00:10:03,070 --> 00:10:05,390

1300 plus homes at Mali are completed.

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00:10:06,100 --> 00:10:10,750

Over 7,000 homes to the south outside the parish have been proposed for

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00:10:10,750 --> 00:10:12,150

development after 2030.

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00:10:12,890 --> 00:10:17,510

The parish boundary runs in path along the river cam and contains amongst other

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00:10:17,790 --> 00:10:20,910

features areas of Green Belt ecological features.

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00:10:21,300 --> 00:10:23,870

Part of the black dish ditch, I beg your pardon,

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00:10:23,970 --> 00:10:25,550

and several well used footpaths.

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00:10:26,210 --> 00:10:30,870

The nature and proximity of the open countryside north of the built area is

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00:10:30,870 --> 00:10:34,310

important to the residents and the setting of our community.

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00:10:35,450 --> 00:10:39,870

Fentin Parish Council objects to the principle of the proposed location to this

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00:10:39,870 --> 00:10:43,470

site and and believes that the alternative should be considered further.

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00:10:44,530 --> 00:10:49,510

Fentin Parish Council objects to litigation package proposed since more should

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00:10:49,510 --> 00:10:53,630

be done to minimize impacts on the parish and visitors if the relocation were

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00:10:53,910 --> 00:10:54,743

approved.

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00:10:54,930 --> 00:10:58,630

We have concerns about missing and contradictory information in the proposals,

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00:10:59,490 --> 00:11:01,790

and at a further point, we,

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00:11:01,790 --> 00:11:05,670

the Parish Council have supported and do support the Save Honey Hill Community

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00:11:05,670 --> 00:11:10,590

Group, and we will seek to avoid repeating detail points they may raise,

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00:11:11,210 --> 00:11:14,790

and I would ask that in future they speak before us to make that a bit easier to

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00:11:14,790 --> 00:11:16,630

manage. Thank you very much indeed.

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00:11:22,530 --> 00:11:23,363

Thank you.

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00:11:32,470 --> 00:11:37,070

I could I may I just ask when you say not of mitigation has been, has happened,

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00:11:37,070 --> 00:11:38,590

what? Is there anything specific?

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00:11:39,650 --> 00:11:41,950

Uh, beg your pardon. Yeah, I think that, uh, Charles Jones,

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00:11:42,160 --> 00:11:46,350

there are at least three areas of concern. Um,

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we would like to be sure that the potential traffic impacts on our community are

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00:11:51,580 --> 00:11:52,670

minimized further,

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we believe the visual intrusion resulting from the relatively low bond height

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00:11:58,430 --> 00:12:02,440

that is now proposed compared to what appeared in earlier submissions is,

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is too low and makes many more structures visible and more of those structures

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visible and

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00:12:11,100 --> 00:12:15,960

the consideration of the nature of potential flooding of the black ditch

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00:12:15,960 --> 00:12:20,040

needs a bit more sorting out. And then there's an impact on River Cam.

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Thank you. So if I could now invite Dr.

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00:12:33,640 --> 00:12:37,120

Allen James to turn on the camera and microphone and introduce

yourself and who

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00:12:37,120 --> 00:12:37,953
you represent.

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00:12:41,190 --> 00:12:42,400
Alright. Can you see me now?

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00:12:43,300 --> 00:12:44,840
Yes. Thank you. Ready when you are. Okay.

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00:12:45,500 --> 00:12:50,000
Yep. I'm Dr. Allen James and I'm the chairman of C P R E.

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00:12:50,000 --> 00:12:53,800
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and, um,

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00:12:54,600 --> 00:12:57,960
C P R E objects very strongly indeed to this proposal.

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00:12:59,860 --> 00:13:02,040
Um, for a number of reasons.

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We're very concerned about the impact on the Cambridge Greenbelt.
Uh,

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currently the existing wastewater treatment plant is located in an
industrial

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00:13:11,460 --> 00:13:12,400
and commercial area,

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00:13:13,420 --> 00:13:18,000
and the propo proposed move will significantly industrialize an

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00:13:18,070 --> 00:13:21,280
extensive unspoiled rural area of the Cambridge Green Belt,

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00:13:22,290 --> 00:13:26,880

where concerned by the visual impact of the proposed buildings and plant

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00:13:27,570 --> 00:13:30,920

being so close to characteristic Pennage villages.

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00:13:32,140 --> 00:13:34,240

And we're concerned that this will set a precedent,

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00:13:34,990 --> 00:13:39,200

make it difficult to resist other industrial development in the greenbelt north

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00:13:39,200 --> 00:13:42,880

of the A 14 around Cambridge, for example,

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00:13:43,180 --> 00:13:48,000

we already have Trinity College trying to extend its science park across the A

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00:13:48,240 --> 00:13:53,160

14. Um, we think it,

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00:13:53,190 --> 00:13:56,520

this proposal is, will not be consistent with national planning policy.

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00:13:57,380 --> 00:14:01,760

The National Planning Policy Framework section 13, paragraph 1 3 7,

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00:14:02,720 --> 00:14:05,920

I won't repeat the whole paragraph because I'm sure you're familiar with it,

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00:14:06,740 --> 00:14:09,880

states that, uh, any, uh,

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00:14:10,150 --> 00:14:13,520

development in the greenbelt will be assessed through examination of its

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strategic policies,

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which will take into account the proceeding paragraph and whether the strategy

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00:14:18,770 --> 00:14:23,200

makes as much use as possible of suitable brownfield sites and

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underutilized land. This is neither a brownfield site,

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00:14:27,460 --> 00:14:29,920

nor is it underutilized. It is farmed

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00:14:31,880 --> 00:14:33,480

relocation of the, uh,

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wastewater treatment plant would not be compliant with the M P P F because it

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has been demonstrated that the modernized wastewater treatment plant using

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00:14:41,640 --> 00:14:46,320

latest technology could be built on the existing site and its

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00:14:46,520 --> 00:14:46,800

capacity,

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00:14:46,800 --> 00:14:50,960

therefore increased and that the existing wastewater treatment plant has

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00:14:51,240 --> 00:14:53,240

sufficient capacity to meet the needs of Cambridge,

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00:14:53,950 --> 00:14:58,480

including a planned expansion up until 2050. Now,

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00:14:58,480 --> 00:15:01,680

there's only one question mark about that planned expansion,

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00:15:02,180 --> 00:15:05,000

and that is whether or not, uh, the, um,

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00:15:05,440 --> 00:15:10,160

secretary of State Michael Gove's latest pronouncements will increase the amount

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00:15:10,160 --> 00:15:12,880

of development in Cambridge. And I mentioned that this morning.

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00:15:14,020 --> 00:15:17,920

So there is uncertainty here. The, uh,

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00:15:18,240 --> 00:15:22,400

proposed scale of the stacks will be higher and the buildings will be highly

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00:15:22,400 --> 00:15:27,400

intrusive in the phage land landscape. And, uh, the, uh,

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00:15:27,460 --> 00:15:32,080

and we'll encourage urban industrial sprawl into the surrounding

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00:15:32,390 --> 00:15:35,920

countryside that the Cambridge Greenbelt was designed to prevent.

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00:15:36,780 --> 00:15:40,040

The Cambridge Greenbelt was not only designed to present sprawl,

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00:15:40,700 --> 00:15:42,000

it was also designed to,

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00:15:42,140 --> 00:15:45,920

to maintain the sense of place and the setting of the city of Cambridge,

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00:15:46,820 --> 00:15:50,480

as well as the identities of the necklace of villages around the

city.

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00:15:52,060 --> 00:15:56,280

So we are very, very concerned and in our written submission,

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00:15:56,300 --> 00:16:00,920

we will also quote M P P F paragraphs 1, 3 3 and

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00:16:00,920 --> 00:16:03,960

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local planning policy of the South Cambridge District Council and it's adopted

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00:16:09,250 --> 00:16:14,120

local plan 2018 spatial strategy states that a green belt

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00:16:14,120 --> 00:16:17,400

will be maintained around Cambridge that will define the, uh,

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00:16:17,540 --> 00:16:18,760

extent of the urban area.

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00:16:20,350 --> 00:16:24,360

Then that re and although I'm not gonna read this out again, uh,

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00:16:24,360 --> 00:16:28,440

in detail because it's, uh, it'll take too long, it, uh, it,

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00:16:28,700 --> 00:16:31,000

it shows that there will be minor revisions, the inner,

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a boundary of the greenbelt and the boundaries of some inset villages,

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but new development in the Green belt will only be approved in accordance with

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00:16:39,600 --> 00:16:43,440
the Greenbelt policy and the National Planning Planning Policy
framework.

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So we think that this, uh, development will not be a,

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00:16:48,190 --> 00:16:53,120
will not be consistent with current local planning policy and, uh,

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00:16:53,260 --> 00:16:55,840
we would draw both of those points to your attention.

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00:16:57,730 --> 00:17:02,280
We're very concerned about the impact on pro, uh,

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00:17:02,280 --> 00:17:06,240
protected sites and projected li Wildlife Improvement plans.

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And, uh, obviously the biggest, um, uh,

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protected site nearby is WIC and Fen. And we have,

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00:17:14,820 --> 00:17:18,840
and this is going to impact on the WIC and Fen vision, which, uh,

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is intended to extend from WIC Anden into the edge of Cambridge.

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00:17:25,180 --> 00:17:29,240
And we are very concerned about that. WIC Anden is a designated
Triple s I,

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00:17:29,870 --> 00:17:31,320
it's a National Nature Reserve.

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It's a na Nature Conservation Review site and a designated Ramsar

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site, wetland site. So, uh, we are very,

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00:17:40,760 --> 00:17:44,280
very concerned about that and the, uh,

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00:17:44,330 --> 00:17:47,520
importance of maintaining, um, uh,

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00:17:47,520 --> 00:17:51,600
green areas and green spaces and access to them has been
demonstrated

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00:17:52,140 --> 00:17:54,480
during the Covid Pan Pandemic.

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00:17:55,350 --> 00:17:57,640
Just how important it is to have these, um,

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00:17:57,730 --> 00:18:01,720
these places available and accessible to people and, uh,

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00:18:01,720 --> 00:18:04,200
that they're places which are nice to look at and nice to enjoy,

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00:18:06,620 --> 00:18:10,040
uh, best and most versatile agricultural land.

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00:18:11,310 --> 00:18:16,060
Much of the green belt, sorry,

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00:18:16,340 --> 00:18:18,140
I had a little glitch there in my computer.

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00:18:18,890 --> 00:18:23,540
Much of the green Belt land is grade in this proposal is grade two
and

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00:18:23,750 --> 00:18:27,500
grade three a best and most versatile land.

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00:18:28,680 --> 00:18:31,780
And, um, there has been a, um,

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00:18:32,820 --> 00:18:36,260
a considerable pressure put on government, uh,

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00:18:36,280 --> 00:18:40,620
by the Environmental Audit Committee in 2019 in its report

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00:18:41,520 --> 00:18:46,420
and, uh, in the UK food security reports issued by defra,

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00:18:47,450 --> 00:18:52,180
that the UK should be growing more food for its own

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00:18:52,180 --> 00:18:53,013
food security.

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00:18:53,600 --> 00:18:58,420
We can no longer rely on the 60% of food imports that we are

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00:18:58,420 --> 00:19:03,300
relying on because the nations to the south that are providing those

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00:19:03,960 --> 00:19:07,900
are subject to far worse effects of climate change than we currently
are.

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00:19:09,480 --> 00:19:12,860
So we think that those reports should be taken very seriously.

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00:19:12,920 --> 00:19:14,860
And I would point out that, uh,

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00:19:14,920 --> 00:19:19,820
the area of Cambridge and South Cambridge here is the largest area
of grade two

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00:19:19,930 --> 00:19:23,940
land in the country and is therefore absolutely

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00:19:24,860 --> 00:19:29,140
critical to national food supply. And there we are, keep wanting to
build on it.

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00:19:30,420 --> 00:19:35,180
I think it's a form of national madness. I really do. Um,

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00:19:35,710 --> 00:19:38,180
flood risk. The, um,

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00:19:38,600 --> 00:19:41,820
the feds are subject to,

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00:19:42,000 --> 00:19:46,300
or subject to increasing levels of flood risk. They, uh,

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00:19:46,560 --> 00:19:48,060
the fans suffer from both flu,

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00:19:48,210 --> 00:19:53,100
fluvial flooding and tidal flooding as we've seen in 1947 and

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00:19:53,260 --> 00:19:58,060
1953. And because some of that flooding is tidal, the, uh,

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00:19:58,190 --> 00:20:01,740
crops can be lost for up to seven years because of the, uh,

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00:20:02,010 --> 00:20:06,980
NEMA nematodes coming up in the, um, in the, the tidal water.

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00:20:08,000 --> 00:20:10,180
And, um, of course, the, the, uh,

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00:20:10,290 --> 00:20:14,740
this area is tidal up as far as Browns Hill staunch, uh, on the Es,

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00:20:15,200 --> 00:20:18,660
and the ES is connected to the cam. And so that is one,

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00:20:18,760 --> 00:20:22,180

it must be considered as one system. Now,

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00:20:22,760 --> 00:20:26,420

global sea level rise is currently being monitored, uh,

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in real time using satellite lt altimetry

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altimetry, sorry. And whereas the planning,

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um, rules currently look at global sea level rise in terms of either three

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millimeters a year or 3.3 millimeters a year from my P C C

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figures, the actual rate of C level rise, uh,

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averaged over, um, uh,

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00:20:53,410 --> 00:20:57,610

30 years is 3.59 millimeters a year

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00:20:58,710 --> 00:21:02,690

and averaged over the last five years, it's 4.34 millimeters a year.

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00:21:03,790 --> 00:21:08,610

And if you add to that shrinkage of land of one millimeter a

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00:21:08,610 --> 00:21:13,370

year caused by the relaxation of land following the last ice

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00:21:13,430 --> 00:21:16,770

age, believe it or not, then we've got a to,

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00:21:16,820 --> 00:21:21,650

we've got an actual sea level rise at the moment of 5.34 millimeters

a year,

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00:21:22,540 --> 00:21:27,130

which is considerably more than the figures that are being used in planning.

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00:21:28,350 --> 00:21:32,370

And we find this a great concern because we think this is going to lead to

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significant flooding of the fences and other parts of this area.

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00:21:38,550 --> 00:21:41,050

And we don't think that,

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we think the reason for this is the current estimates are not taking account of,

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00:21:45,310 --> 00:21:49,650

um, glacial melt, such as the gr Greenland ice sheet,

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00:21:50,380 --> 00:21:55,170

which is projected to provide an additional 10 inches of sea level rise, or,

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00:21:55,510 --> 00:21:59,290

and it's certainly not taking into account potential sudden collapses of

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glaciers in Antarctica such as awais glassier,

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which could cause 10 feet of sea level rise.

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And we don't know when that will occur,

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00:22:08,960 --> 00:22:11,970

whether it will be in the next 10 years or the next a hundred years.

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00:22:13,390 --> 00:22:14,570

So we are very,

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00:22:14,570 --> 00:22:18,410

very concerned about the effects of sea level rise and flooding in this area.

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00:22:20,630 --> 00:22:24,210

And on this floodplain we, like others,

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00:22:24,340 --> 00:22:28,610

we're concerned about the hall hall roads that are going to be built and the

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effect on the A 14.

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We're very concerned about the effect of the new pumping station on the Water

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00:22:34,650 --> 00:22:38,330

beach area and on water Beach residence.

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00:22:39,750 --> 00:22:43,330

Uh, we think that the noise, dust, light pollution,

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00:22:43,770 --> 00:22:48,450

odor and vibration in the green belt in what is a currently a tran tranquil

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00:22:48,520 --> 00:22:51,010

area, um, is unacceptable.

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00:22:51,700 --> 00:22:53,690

We're now at about 10 minutes, Dr. James.

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00:22:54,360 --> 00:22:58,210

Okay, thank you. And, um, we, um,

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00:22:59,070 --> 00:23:01,490
are quite concerned that, uh,

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00:23:01,890 --> 00:23:06,650
Anglia Water should be using its funds to develop this new site

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00:23:07,360 --> 00:23:11,890
when existing, um, wastewater treatment plants in the, in this area,

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00:23:12,600 --> 00:23:17,090
such as, um, uh, those affecting the cam further upstream,

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00:23:17,910 --> 00:23:21,890
but ha the one, like the one at hazing field are not being, um,

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00:23:22,250 --> 00:23:25,650
properly maintained and therefore the cam is already being polluted,

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00:23:26,120 --> 00:23:29,010
whereas the, the one that's being, being, uh,

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00:23:29,180 --> 00:23:31,970
moved is working and doesn't pollute the river.

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00:23:32,830 --> 00:23:37,370
So we think Ang and Water should be spending its money elsewhere.
Thank you.

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00:23:41,900 --> 00:23:45,050
Thank you. Just a a couple of questions Dr. James, if we may,

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00:23:45,860 --> 00:23:50,600
you mentioned national policy and also adopted local plan policy.

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00:23:51,300 --> 00:23:52,133
Yep. Does,

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00:23:52,180 --> 00:23:56,920
do you have any views on emerging local plan policy or the emerging

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00:23:57,280 --> 00:23:58,113

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00:23:59,820 --> 00:24:01,160

Um, it, it,

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we think that the proposed, um,

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00:24:05,770 --> 00:24:10,280

house building rates in the emerging, um, area, uh,

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00:24:10,390 --> 00:24:13,920

plan are very concerning. And, um,

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00:24:14,660 --> 00:24:18,760

we are concerned about the whole principle of clustering around Cambridge. Um,

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00:24:19,380 --> 00:24:22,600

and we think, uh, from a climate change point of view,

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00:24:22,740 --> 00:24:26,160

it would be better if we were refurbishing houses elsewhere in the country and

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00:24:26,160 --> 00:24:30,160

putting the jobs there, the movable jobs. Um,

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we, um, we finding it difficult to,

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00:24:36,180 --> 00:24:40,400

uh, keep track with the, um, the development of the local plan because we,

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we thought there was gonna be, there were gonna be some more publications, um,

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00:24:44,580 --> 00:24:48,560

around now, uh, or in the summer, and those haven't appeared.

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00:24:49,660 --> 00:24:52,560

And of course we've now got the complication of, uh, Mr.

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00:24:52,790 --> 00:24:56,200

Go's pronouncements and, um, we don't,

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00:24:56,340 --> 00:24:59,440

we really don't know what effect that's gonna have on local development,

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00:25:00,220 --> 00:25:04,960

but there is huge pressure on Cambridge and we are very concerned about it.

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Well, we heard this morning that there's unlikely to be any,

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00:25:08,700 --> 00:25:13,200

or that there won't be any further developments in the local plan, um,

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00:25:13,300 --> 00:25:17,720

for the duration of this D C O application. Um,

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00:25:18,220 --> 00:25:22,040

the, the one point to come on from that though is, um, you were mentioning

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00:25:23,750 --> 00:25:27,040

concern about housing numbers in Cambridge.

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If this D C O wasn't approved and therefore the housing couldn't come forward on

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00:25:34,120 --> 00:25:38,560

the wastewater treatment plant, where would housing income forward?

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00:25:40,930 --> 00:25:45,460

Well, um, according to the figures we have then the,

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00:25:45,840 --> 00:25:47,140
um, uh,

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00:25:47,140 --> 00:25:51,980
the housing that's projected in the last issued version

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00:25:52,240 --> 00:25:55,660
of the, um, new local plan, uh,

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00:25:55,840 --> 00:25:58,580
the existing wastewater treatment plant could cope with that.

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00:25:59,880 --> 00:26:04,860
So assuming so, uh, unless the, the, the, um,

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00:26:05,220 --> 00:26:06,620
opinions about that have changed,

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00:26:06,720 --> 00:26:11,260
and I'm not an expert in wastewater treatment volumes, so I don't
know. Um,

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00:26:12,080 --> 00:26:14,540
but from a point of view of climate change,

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00:26:15,760 --> 00:26:20,180
we think that the government should be putting much more emphasis on

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00:26:20,500 --> 00:26:24,540
refurbishing existing empty houses and, um,

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00:26:25,100 --> 00:26:27,580
refurbishing and also building on brownfield sites.

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00:26:28,360 --> 00:26:31,100
And these are mostly elsewhere in the country. Um,

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00:26:32,960 --> 00:26:34,340
as an example, um,

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00:26:34,620 --> 00:26:39,420

I came across a builder last week and I was talking to him and,

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um, I talked to, and he, he, um, uh,

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00:26:43,380 --> 00:26:48,120

he was doing a bit of work in a building next to me and, um, he, um,

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00:26:48,940 --> 00:26:52,680

uh, said, oh, he could build, buy a house in Middlesboro for 30,000.

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00:26:53,620 --> 00:26:56,520

And I said, oh, yeah, and in, um, Billingham, it's probably even cheaper.

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00:26:56,580 --> 00:26:58,640

And he said, I know I come from Middlesborough.

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00:26:59,700 --> 00:27:04,080

So I find it very concerning that there are people like builders coming down

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00:27:04,080 --> 00:27:08,760

here for work and there is no unemployment here. And,

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00:27:08,940 --> 00:27:10,200

um, I think the,

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00:27:10,460 --> 00:27:15,000

the current local plan is driven by employment figures rather than housing

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00:27:15,190 --> 00:27:19,840

need. So I think there, there's, it's probably not within the, um,

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remit of this inquiry,

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but it is a significant factor that our local plans are being

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driven by the, um, uh, the, the,

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00:27:29,980 --> 00:27:34,640
the employment projections to pull more people into this area, when
in fact,

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00:27:34,640 --> 00:27:38,640
those people could be housed elsewhere nearer their families in
other areas of

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00:27:38,640 --> 00:27:39,473
the country.

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00:27:39,850 --> 00:27:42,600
Thank, thank you Dr. James for participating today.

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00:27:43,490 --> 00:27:44,760
Thank you. Thank

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00:27:44,760 --> 00:27:45,593
You.

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00:27:55,140 --> 00:27:57,280
If I could please invite Francis Amrani, um,

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00:27:57,290 --> 00:28:00,640
who's within the room to introduce yourself and who you represent.

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00:28:02,090 --> 00:28:05,040
Thank you. Um, my name is Francis Amrani.

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00:28:05,100 --> 00:28:08,200
I'm chairman of Tavish and Parish Council. Um,

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00:28:08,460 --> 00:28:12,320
we will be submitting a written, um, statement, um,

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00:28:12,660 --> 00:28:17,560
and I'll try to keep this brief. Um, we we're a neighboring parish
council,

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00:28:18,500 --> 00:28:21,800

and, uh, whilst we can uh, share the concerns, uh,

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00:28:21,990 --> 00:28:24,880

that other parties here share, um,

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00:28:25,060 --> 00:28:29,360

I'd like to just highlight three, um, key points that we're concerned about.

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The first one, um, is traffic, um,

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both in terms of the traffic linked to building and also that of, um,

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operational traffic. Um,

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and the reason that we're concerned about traffic is not just because of this

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proposed, um, uh, development,

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but it's the fact that there are so many other developments in the area. And,

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you know, I won't list them all, but we've got, um, Marley Cherry, Hinton,

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00:28:56,880 --> 00:29:00,480

north, Cambridge East, and also you, we've talked about, uh,

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00:29:00,480 --> 00:29:04,760

Cambridge Northeast as well, but there are many others. I, i, Darwin, I mean,

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00:29:04,760 --> 00:29:09,320

I could go on, um, but I won't. Um, there and,

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and I'm concerned that when we look at traffic very often we look at traffic in

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isolation, so it's very much siloed. Um, and what I'd,

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00:29:18,040 --> 00:29:22,080

what I'd like to sort of see is it, uh, an umbrella, um,

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00:29:22,180 --> 00:29:23,920

vision of what's happening with traffic.

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00:29:24,100 --> 00:29:26,960

So we are really concerned 'cause we're on the edge. We have, um,

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00:29:27,080 --> 00:29:29,480

arterial roads that run through our pa our parish,

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and we think that this development will have a negative impact on,

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on the traffic. The second point that I'd like to make is flooding.

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And,

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and I would like to link with that flooding and storm storm release into the cam

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00:29:42,420 --> 00:29:46,760

as well. Um, we live in an area where there are floodplains.

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00:29:46,760 --> 00:29:49,160

We live in an area where there is flooding, and in fact,

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00:29:49,660 --> 00:29:51,360
in my parish this morning,

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00:29:51,410 --> 00:29:53,960
there is flooding and we're right next to the airport.

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00:29:54,420 --> 00:29:57,440
So flooding is a real issue in this area,

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00:29:57,620 --> 00:30:00,480
and I'm would would like to, you know,

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00:30:00,860 --> 00:30:05,720
see that that has been taken into account. Um, and thirdly, uh,

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00:30:05,900 --> 00:30:09,600
I'd like to, um, raise the, the point of the local plan.

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00:30:10,710 --> 00:30:13,410
So I think the location is in the wrong place.

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It's not been future proofed given the level of proposed
development. Um,

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and for the degree of inconvenience and investment that's being
proposed,

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it doesn't fit into the current local plan. And that's because, um,

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00:30:29,870 --> 00:30:33,530
it doesn't fit in in terms of carbon accounting and it doesn't fit
in in terms

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00:30:33,550 --> 00:30:36,530
of green belt policy. Now,

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00:30:37,310 --> 00:30:40,130
in some of the discussion that I've attended, uh,

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people have mentioned the emerging local plan, um, and as,

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as has already been stated, we were expecting that, um,

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00:30:46,510 --> 00:30:50,010

to be released or at least discussed this year. And that hasn't happened.

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00:30:50,750 --> 00:30:52,730

The parameters of,

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of the emerging local plan are moving and nobody really knows what's happening

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on that front,

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00:30:58,590 --> 00:31:03,290

and therefore the only reference point that we can use is the current local

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plan. Um, and so as, as a parish council,

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00:31:07,110 --> 00:31:10,450

we have concerns that this does not fit in with the current local plan.

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00:31:11,380 --> 00:31:14,010

Thank you very much. Mark, sir,

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00:31:17,220 --> 00:31:22,010

thank you very much. If I could ask,

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00:31:22,190 --> 00:31:23,690

um, Ian rules, um,

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00:31:23,830 --> 00:31:27,330

to turn your camera and microphone and introduce yourself and who you represent.

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00:31:29,910 --> 00:31:34,450

My name's Ian Rules and I'm talking on behalf of Cambridge Friends of the Earth.

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00:31:35,060 --> 00:31:35,893

Thank you. Um,

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00:31:36,310 --> 00:31:38,250

You hear me? Yes. Good. Um,

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00:31:38,600 --> 00:31:42,170

Cambridge Friends of the Earth objects to the development in the strongest

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possible terms with our prime concern being the threat to the green belt of the

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00:31:46,730 --> 00:31:51,410

construction of the new sew treatment works in spite of arguments that may be

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00:31:51,410 --> 00:31:55,210

put forward about the ecological merit or otherwise of the land proposed to the

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00:31:55,210 --> 00:31:57,370

new sewage works. And in this case,

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we happen to believe it has considerable ecological merit.

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The greenbelt's primary purpose is to prevent a city spreading into the

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surrounding countryside if and when its population and economy grows. As such,

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00:32:09,730 --> 00:32:12,050

given its phenomenal growth over the preceding decades,

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00:32:13,030 --> 00:32:16,690

KMG surrounding countryside is in desperate need of the protections offered by

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00:32:16,690 --> 00:32:17,930

the green, by its green belt.

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The fact that Anglin water themselves has stated that there are no operational

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00:32:22,530 --> 00:32:27,090

reasons to move the sewage works makes us wonder why the essential asset of the

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00:32:27,090 --> 00:32:31,410

green Belt is being sacrificed to the outta control juggernaut of inappropriate

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00:32:31,410 --> 00:32:34,410

profit driven outta scale development in Cambridge.

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We feel the following questions need answering.

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00:32:39,170 --> 00:32:42,520

Where will the water supply come from for the thousands of houses plan to be

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built on the site?

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00:32:43,870 --> 00:32:47,480

Cambridge's aquifer is already being over abstracted to the detriment of the

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00:32:47,480 --> 00:32:49,280

river and surrounding environment.

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00:32:49,780 --> 00:32:52,400

How is this seemingly intractable issue going to be resolved?

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00:32:52,740 --> 00:32:56,440

And surely it needs to be resolved before further development is countenance.

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00:32:57,610 --> 00:33:01,280

Given the published green credentials that the proposed new sewage works,

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00:33:01,860 --> 00:33:05,480

how long will it take to offset the c o two produced by its construction?

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00:33:07,010 --> 00:33:09,280

Given the city council's interest in the site,

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00:33:09,500 --> 00:33:13,360

how many of the homes will be for genuine social rent i e council houses?

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00:33:15,660 --> 00:33:15,980

Uh,

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00:33:15,980 --> 00:33:20,240

we noticed there are approximately 2,400 households as of May this year on the

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00:33:20,240 --> 00:33:21,680

City Council's housing register,

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00:33:23,060 --> 00:33:26,680

and that the proposed number of houses if built a social housing could

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00:33:26,680 --> 00:33:30,320

completely empty this list at least twice over. How likely is this to happen?

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00:33:31,780 --> 00:33:33,680

Who actually benefits from this development?

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00:33:34,300 --> 00:33:36,960

We understand that when Anglia Water is created,

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00:33:37,290 --> 00:33:41,080

there was a subsequent agreement to split the ownership of the sewage work site.

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00:33:41,580 --> 00:33:45,120

The city council retained a large area and have only disposed of part of this

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00:33:45,120 --> 00:33:49,880

since the City Council and Anglia Water stand to make huge financial

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00:33:49,910 --> 00:33:53,690

gain from this development. Although outside the remit of this inquiry,

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00:33:53,830 --> 00:33:56,690

we wonder how much of Anglia Water's profits from development.

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00:33:57,110 --> 00:34:01,050

We reinvested into improvements in their crumbling infrastructure rather than

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00:34:01,250 --> 00:34:04,010

squandered on shareholder dividends, executive pay and bonuses,

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00:34:04,770 --> 00:34:08,930

Reba and repayment of interest on loans made between various sections of their

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parent company. Thank you.

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00:34:15,620 --> 00:34:20,330

Thank you. Uh, if I could ask,

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00:34:20,710 --> 00:34:24,530

uh, please, Tony Booth, um, who's representing Friends of the River

Cam,

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00:34:24,530 --> 00:34:26,890

please to introduce yourself and who you represent.

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00:34:27,480 --> 00:34:28,313

Okay,

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00:34:33,870 --> 00:34:38,010

Beyond now it is. Okay. My name's, uh,

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00:34:38,010 --> 00:34:39,010

professor Tony Booth.

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00:34:39,330 --> 00:34:44,330

I am representing friends of of the River Cam. Um,

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00:34:45,440 --> 00:34:48,610

this is a, I see this is a, a preliminary statement,

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00:34:48,610 --> 00:34:51,570

setting out some of the grounds on which, um,

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00:34:51,710 --> 00:34:53,930

we are concerned about this development. Uh,

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00:34:53,950 --> 00:34:56,650

we will be submitting a full written statement,

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00:34:56,950 --> 00:35:00,690

and I don't know whether there will be opportunities in the future to make oral

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00:35:00,990 --> 00:35:05,290

representation when the full inquiry happens. I imagine that there would be,

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00:35:05,630 --> 00:35:09,490

but maybe there that there won't be. I don't know. Um,

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00:35:10,590 --> 00:35:13,530

so Friends of the CAM is a,

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00:35:13,670 --> 00:35:16,650
an organization set up to, uh,

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00:35:17,050 --> 00:35:21,290
campaign about over abstraction of water from our river system,

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00:35:21,960 --> 00:35:23,850
from the cam from its aquifers

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00:35:25,510 --> 00:35:29,290
to campaign against, to end pollution of our river.

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00:35:30,670 --> 00:35:35,610
Um, and that is, the river is in a dire state overall.

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00:35:35,630 --> 00:35:40,360
You could say that the river is dying from both those factor, the,

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00:35:40,360 --> 00:35:44,080
the river and, and its life. It hasn't got natural flow. Now,

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00:35:44,420 --> 00:35:48,560
it should be a natural chalk stream, but it's augmented through
wastewater.

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00:35:51,380 --> 00:35:56,170
Um, and we also campaign against the,

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00:35:56,230 --> 00:36:00,930
um, mass unsustainable growth in this area,

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00:36:01,260 --> 00:36:05,970
which is exacerbating both ob over abstraction of water and,

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00:36:06,310 --> 00:36:09,570
um, the pollution o of, of, of the river system.

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00:36:12,710 --> 00:36:17,370
The, the shift of the proposed shift of the sewage works is

inseparable,

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00:36:17,430 --> 00:36:19,970

as other people have already said,

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00:36:20,000 --> 00:36:23,690

from the building of around 9,000, uh,

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00:36:23,690 --> 00:36:28,370

houses on the site from which it would be vacated. And in fact,

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00:36:28,710 --> 00:36:33,290

the motivation for the shift is to realize the profits

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00:36:33,720 --> 00:36:34,553

from, um,

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00:36:34,680 --> 00:36:39,650

from building and to conform to pressures to build and build and

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00:36:39,650 --> 00:36:43,610

build. Um, I think that is a slogan, um, uh,

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00:36:43,810 --> 00:36:48,410

a government slogan and then adopted by locally, by Bidwells, the estate agent.

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00:36:48,910 --> 00:36:53,570

Uh, uh, the, the slogan Build, build, build in this area,

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00:36:53,680 --> 00:36:56,250

this area around Cambridge. It, it,

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00:36:56,690 --> 00:37:01,570

I I think of it as a gold rush city where you can make the

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00:37:01,570 --> 00:37:04,690

most profit probably anywhere in the country,

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00:37:04,870 --> 00:37:09,770

and certainly other institutions around the world have their eye on

our area

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00:37:09,890 --> 00:37:14,690

because of the profits that can be made from, um, turning,

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00:37:15,150 --> 00:37:18,890

uh, land, um, into,

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00:37:20,200 --> 00:37:22,970

into building land. There's this phrase, um,

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00:37:24,080 --> 00:37:25,570

land value uplift,

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00:37:25,570 --> 00:37:29,530

which figures quite strongly in terms of the development of infrastructure

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00:37:29,530 --> 00:37:33,810

around, because if you can turn a greenfield site, not so much in this case,

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00:37:33,810 --> 00:37:38,370

but if you can turn a Greenfield site at about 5,000 pounds per acre

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00:37:38,840 --> 00:37:43,730

into a building site at around 5 million pounds per acre,

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00:37:43,950 --> 00:37:47,890

you know, you can envisage the profits that people have their eye on all,

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00:37:47,910 --> 00:37:52,410

all around here. If you build, and this cropped up earlier,

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00:37:52,590 --> 00:37:54,330

if you build 9,000 houses,

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00:37:54,510 --> 00:37:58,850

you could imagine that would help to solve the housing problems in our area.

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00:37:59,350 --> 00:38:03,090

But, but for, for some period, for some considerable period,

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00:38:03,640 --> 00:38:08,530

this area has been one of the highest in the country for building homes,

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00:38:09,270 --> 00:38:11,690

and yet the housing, um,

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00:38:12,490 --> 00:38:16,330

shortage has still increased so effectively,

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00:38:16,950 --> 00:38:20,810

and now this is becoming well known that building more and more homes doesn't

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00:38:20,810 --> 00:38:25,250

seem to reduce housing shortage because of where the homes go to, uh,

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00:38:25,250 --> 00:38:28,330

because of the investment. PO possibilities. I mean,

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00:38:28,530 --> 00:38:33,050

actually 25% of housing that's built in this area

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00:38:33,350 --> 00:38:37,960

is allowed to be sold, um, to, to investors, uh, abroad and,

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00:38:38,020 --> 00:38:39,840

and they have been advertised in Hong Kong.

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00:38:42,900 --> 00:38:44,720

So, Um,

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00:38:47,690 --> 00:38:52,190

the carbon footprint of the development that

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00:38:52,530 --> 00:38:55,270

if you take the whole carbon footprint of the development,

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00:38:55,290 --> 00:38:58,630

not just the pulling down of the old sewage works and the building of the new

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00:38:58,630 --> 00:39:01,190

sewage works and the, the lorries piling in and so on,

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00:39:01,190 --> 00:39:06,150

but the whole carbon footprint includes the building that will go on would,

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00:39:06,490 --> 00:39:11,230

is intended to go on the, the released site now that

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00:39:12,890 --> 00:39:17,730

if anybody paid attention to the carbon budget that we're

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00:39:17,730 --> 00:39:21,330

meant to be legally bound to fulfill by

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00:39:21,330 --> 00:39:24,770

2030 and then 2050,

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00:39:26,270 --> 00:39:30,090

it couldn't go ahead. This building couldn't go ahead. Baroness Brown,

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00:39:30,180 --> 00:39:31,970

who's who is, um,

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00:39:32,590 --> 00:39:37,050

on the government appointed Climate Committee said four years ago

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00:39:38,000 --> 00:39:41,290

that in the whole of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area,

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00:39:42,100 --> 00:39:46,380

there were six years left of the,

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00:39:46,480 --> 00:39:49,620

of the carbon budget to 2050.

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00:39:51,520 --> 00:39:54,900

So that would leave two years, but it's an accelerating process.

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00:39:55,160 --> 00:39:59,660

And so it's almost gone to 2050 really in terms of

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00:40:00,120 --> 00:40:04,260

the carbon budget. There can be no more, um,

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00:40:04,840 --> 00:40:06,460

carbon intensive building.

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00:40:10,280 --> 00:40:11,180

And what about water?

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00:40:15,160 --> 00:40:19,580

We are in a, a drought prone,

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00:40:21,110 --> 00:40:24,780

water depleted, uh, area already.

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00:40:25,610 --> 00:40:28,740

There's insufficient water for this development,

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00:40:29,160 --> 00:40:33,180

and the proposed solutions to get more water into this area

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00:40:34,360 --> 00:40:37,860

are irresponsible. I mean,

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00:40:38,100 --> 00:40:42,220

I sometimes think that what we're doing in this area is dragging water,

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00:40:43,450 --> 00:40:48,410

jobs and homes from the north of the country to the

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00:40:48,410 --> 00:40:52,130

south of the country. And this is in a,

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00:40:52,330 --> 00:40:54,170
a kind of parody, uh, uh,

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00:40:54,170 --> 00:40:57,370
making a nonsense of the whole notion of leveling up.

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00:41:02,110 --> 00:41:02,970
The, uh,

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00:41:03,640 --> 00:41:08,210
applicant proposes that there will be a reservoir in the fence,

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00:41:08,260 --> 00:41:10,810
which we've already heard, uh,

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00:41:10,820 --> 00:41:15,770
would cover up the best farmland in the country

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00:41:18,670 --> 00:41:19,970
in a low lying area,

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00:41:21,320 --> 00:41:26,170
that any way without massive investment in sea

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00:41:26,170 --> 00:41:28,170
defenses, and even then that will be tricky,

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00:41:29,120 --> 00:41:31,810
will be inundated by rising sea levels.

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00:41:36,010 --> 00:41:40,870
The increasing levels of sewage from massive house building will put
further

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00:41:40,980 --> 00:41:44,870
strains on an already dysfunctional sewage system.

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00:41:46,250 --> 00:41:49,470
And I want to come on to that because we're talking here

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00:41:51,320 --> 00:41:53,950
about an applicant who,

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00:41:54,030 --> 00:41:58,750
a previous Chief of the Environment Agency has suggested

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00:41:59,980 --> 00:42:04,590
that its directors should be in jail for illegal sewage

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00:42:04,620 --> 00:42:08,070
dumping for which they are regularly fined.

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00:42:11,670 --> 00:42:12,503
I have to,

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00:42:12,570 --> 00:42:17,480
to conclude that sewage dumping is part of their

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00:42:17,800 --> 00:42:18,633
business plan

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00:42:20,250 --> 00:42:24,360
since they accept the fines and at the same time

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00:42:25,210 --> 00:42:28,720
treat the sewage dumping and the finds

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00:42:30,020 --> 00:42:34,320
as success in that they then in the, at the,

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00:42:34,390 --> 00:42:39,320
over the same period give extra rewards to their executives in

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00:42:39,320 --> 00:42:43,280
the form of bonuses and dividends to their shareholders.

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00:42:45,640 --> 00:42:46,473
I wonder if

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00:42:48,190 --> 00:42:53,120

anybody thinks about due diligence in these circumstances,

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00:42:55,610 --> 00:43:00,520

would one give 227 million

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00:43:00,820 --> 00:43:05,650

pounds of public money to a company that

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00:43:05,650 --> 00:43:09,330

is regularly fined for se, for sewage dumping?

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00:43:10,470 --> 00:43:14,210

Um, it, it, it, it, it, it surprises us

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00:43:15,830 --> 00:43:19,130

in, in friends of the cam that this should, should be possible.

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00:43:21,630 --> 00:43:26,330

We argue in friends of the cam that no penny of

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00:43:26,330 --> 00:43:28,930

public money should be handed to this applicant.

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00:43:29,110 --> 00:43:33,250

An applicant that is already 6.6 billion pounds

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00:43:34,230 --> 00:43:35,490

in debt,

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00:43:37,470 --> 00:43:42,370

who should have and should now be putting

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00:43:42,670 --> 00:43:47,530

all its efforts into cleaning up a river system for which they

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00:43:47,530 --> 00:43:52,010

are notoriously, um, uh, publicized.

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00:43:52,560 --> 00:43:57,490

They, they're publicized as, um, polluting across, uh,

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00:43:57,490 --> 00:44:00,330

the, the polluting our, our, our river system

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00:44:02,350 --> 00:44:07,050

should any public money be handed to them until they cease from polluting our

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00:44:07,050 --> 00:44:10,730

river system across East Anglia. Thank you.

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00:44:16,230 --> 00:44:20,020

Thank you. Um, Mr. Booth, both you and Mr.

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00:44:21,170 --> 00:44:22,420

Raws, um,

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00:44:22,490 --> 00:44:26,300

mentioned issues surrounding water supply to new development.

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00:44:27,400 --> 00:44:27,960

Um,

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00:44:27,960 --> 00:44:32,840

we haven't had any evidence submitted into the examination yet regarding that.

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00:44:33,650 --> 00:44:37,040

It'll be helpful, I think if when you submit your written representation,

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00:44:37,300 --> 00:44:39,480

you could provide some evidence to support that.

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00:44:40,380 --> 00:44:43,080

Yes, yes. Thank you. There, there's certainly can. Yes. Thank you.

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00:44:43,410 --> 00:44:47,600

Ample evidence from, uh, from the Environment Agency,

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00:44:48,590 --> 00:44:51,720

from a series of, of,

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00:44:51,820 --> 00:44:55,320

of reports over the last years that, um,

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00:44:56,070 --> 00:44:59,680

without that, that we now already don't have enough water,

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00:45:01,060 --> 00:45:05,720

so that any building that that is happening at the moment is
damaging the

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00:45:05,720 --> 00:45:08,400

environment. But I, I will submit detailed evidence to you.

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00:45:08,570 --> 00:45:09,403

Thank you.

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00:45:11,590 --> 00:45:16,260

Thank you. If I could please invite, uh,

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00:45:16,420 --> 00:45:18,860

Margaret Starkey from Safe Honey Hill Group, um,

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00:45:19,000 --> 00:45:20,860

to introduce yourself and who you represent.

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00:45:25,030 --> 00:45:29,460

Thank you, madam. Um, I'm Margaret Starkey, chair of Safe Honey
Hill.

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This group was formed in 2020 and, uh,

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00:45:34,970 --> 00:45:36,380

comprises, uh,

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00:45:37,700 --> 00:45:41,990

members of the villages of Fein, Hoey,

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00:45:42,770 --> 00:45:43,950

ham, and Kwai.

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00:45:44,650 --> 00:45:49,310

We have more than a hundred active members, uh,

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00:45:49,570 --> 00:45:51,670

and we have, uh,

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00:45:51,970 --> 00:45:56,190

sought to work with Anglin water up until now. Um,

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00:45:56,190 --> 00:45:58,630

particularly on mitigation, however,

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00:45:58,850 --> 00:46:03,190

we strongly object to the proposed development.

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00:46:04,130 --> 00:46:09,070

Uh, we have made representation and those 13

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00:46:09,590 --> 00:46:14,550

headings in our relevant representation will form the basis of

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00:46:14,550 --> 00:46:19,510

our written representation. Um, I won't reiterate as requested,

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00:46:19,850 --> 00:46:24,710

uh, the various, uh, points put forward by the previous, um, uh,

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00:46:24,790 --> 00:46:28,390

speakers. Uh, but we will also be, uh,

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00:46:28,450 --> 00:46:32,870

giving more evidence on the lack of water. Uh,

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00:46:33,010 --> 00:46:37,630

we will be giving evidence on greenbelt and on, um, housing.

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00:46:38,570 --> 00:46:40,430

Um, but in addition,

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00:46:40,530 --> 00:46:45,190
and we will be expanding on all issues that we've already raised.

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00:46:46,330 --> 00:46:49,030
Um, in addition, we are, um,

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00:46:49,480 --> 00:46:54,430
responding to the applicant's further legal submission that was
submitted

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00:46:55,090 --> 00:46:59,430
in September, 2023 in relation to SS

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00:46:59,450 --> 00:47:04,310
1 0 4 and SS 1 0 5. Um, and,

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00:47:04,610 --> 00:47:09,470
uh, we would, as I said this morning, be grateful for an additional,

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00:47:09,890 --> 00:47:14,710
um, uh, uh, uh, for more time at I s H two,

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00:47:15,170 --> 00:47:19,790
uh, in order to, uh, respond to this. Um,

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00:47:20,210 --> 00:47:22,350
we again, um, we also, uh,

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00:47:22,460 --> 00:47:26,830
have looked at the emerging local plan and the fact that we have not
moved

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00:47:26,830 --> 00:47:31,360
forward in the last year on this. Um, equally, um,

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00:47:31,620 --> 00:47:36,160
we have not, uh, moved forward on the Northeast Area Action Plan,

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00:47:36,660 --> 00:47:40,480
um, which is predicated, uh,

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00:47:40,510 --> 00:47:42,000
this is predicated on that.

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00:47:42,540 --> 00:47:46,920
And we have been told that it awaits the outcome of the D C O,

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00:47:47,490 --> 00:47:52,040
which appears to us to be illogical and untimely. Uh,

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00:47:52,040 --> 00:47:56,840
because if they are not able, if the D C O is not, um,

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00:47:57,420 --> 00:48:01,680
put forward, uh, and, and the recommendation made to the Secretary
of State,

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00:48:01,950 --> 00:48:06,760
then NCAP will not go ahead anyway. Uh, and we should,

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00:48:06,790 --> 00:48:10,600
they should be, um, considering, uh, housing in other areas.

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00:48:11,980 --> 00:48:14,520
Uh, we will, um, uh,

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00:48:16,420 --> 00:48:19,200
as far as the emerging local plan is, um,

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00:48:19,470 --> 00:48:24,200
concerned the policy compliance in the light of the further, uh,

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00:48:24,800 --> 00:48:29,720
minister the ministerial announcements, uh, Cambridge growth water
supplies,

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00:48:29,900 --> 00:48:34,760
et cetera, as I said, we will, um, increase our, expand our, um,

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representation. Um,

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00:48:38,870 --> 00:48:43,720
there's also the issue of upgrading of other wastewater treatment

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00:48:43,720 --> 00:48:48,520
plants and further information on examples of successful

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00:48:49,340 --> 00:48:53,760
onsite upgradings of wastewater treatment plants such as deum.

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00:48:54,460 --> 00:48:58,600
Uh, we will give further information on this, um, and, um,

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00:48:59,300 --> 00:49:02,480
uh, refer to the sizing and capacity of new works.

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00:49:04,620 --> 00:49:09,040
Uh, we also looking at the assessment of alternatives and

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00:49:10,080 --> 00:49:12,480
specifically, um, of, um,

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00:49:13,470 --> 00:49:18,280
expanding the current site, um, which we think, uh,

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00:49:18,500 --> 00:49:22,840
was future-proof as someone else has said, um, in 2015.

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00:49:25,830 --> 00:49:30,450
Uh, as far as the alternative housing sites are concerned,

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00:49:30,510 --> 00:49:35,170
we will produce a summary of available housing capacity as based on
the first

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00:49:35,490 --> 00:49:38,610
proposals of the local, uh, emerging local plan.

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00:49:39,470 --> 00:49:43,370
But we'll generally wait until These are available.

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00:49:43,470 --> 00:49:48,130

And we've heard this morning, uh, about its slight issues on the timing of that.

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00:49:49,230 --> 00:49:50,730

Um, we'll, um,

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00:49:53,070 --> 00:49:56,360

look at our policy, uh, position, um,

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00:49:57,300 --> 00:50:02,120

the entire develop being inappropriate not

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only because of greenbelt, but parking, access, roads, et cetera.

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00:50:07,580 --> 00:50:10,960

And the fact that the general office, um, accommodation,

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which is currently at Huntington has no need to be moved to a Greenbelt site.

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Uh, we will expand on our design appraisal and produce, um,

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a design, um, critique.

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We will look at the biogas provision.

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00:50:33,490 --> 00:50:37,950

We don't have sufficient information as to, um,

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00:50:38,410 --> 00:50:43,230

the biogas facilities and the necessary structure for a grid

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connection, um,

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and the regulatory provisions necessary for that.

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We will introduce, um, further information on landscaping,

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traffic, et cetera.

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We have big issue with carbon as previous, uh,

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speakers have, um, talked about.

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00:51:09,020 --> 00:51:13,840

We want to seek a proper baseline assessment on operational carbon

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emissions from the existing works.

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We feel we have insufficient information.

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00:51:23,990 --> 00:51:28,530

Um, Cambridge County Council themselves made a comment on this.

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00:51:30,870 --> 00:51:35,330

We are looking at the carbon involved in demolition and remediation of the

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00:51:35,730 --> 00:51:40,210

existing site, and we intend to, uh, submit,

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00:51:40,590 --> 00:51:45,090

uh, further comment on this. Uh, however,

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we do feel that the, um,

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00:51:53,360 --> 00:51:57,790

sorry, the, the demolition, um, should, and the, uh,

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00:51:57,890 --> 00:52:02,750

responsibility for carbon in demolition should not be left to the

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00:52:02,750 --> 00:52:05,390

people who are going to develop it. Um,

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00:52:06,270 --> 00:52:11,070

albeit that may be many years to come. We will introduce,

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00:52:11,250 --> 00:52:15,830

uh, further information on health and particularly mental wellbeing

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00:52:16,290 --> 00:52:19,470

and a critique of submitted, um, assessments and,

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00:52:19,610 --> 00:52:23,030

and some local evidence which we have gathered.

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As I said, we'll look at water resources, um,

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00:52:29,050 --> 00:52:33,150

and the discharge permits assessment by angling water.

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00:52:34,010 --> 00:52:38,270

We have concerns about whether discharge standards being set are adequate over

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long-term and potential waters quality problems. In cam,

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we are looking also at funding and the adequacy of the H I

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F budget. Um,

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00:52:53,610 --> 00:52:58,390

we have questions on the enabling costs and the overall grant,

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um, as derived from some freedom of information, uh,

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requests that we've made. Uh,

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tomorrow my colleague will be talking about the draft, um, D C O,

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uh, and, uh, other management plans.

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And that's it. Thank you.

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00:53:22,290 --> 00:53:23,760

Thank you for that. Um,

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00:53:23,980 --> 00:53:27,760

so just wanted to point out that we will be talking about section 1
0 4,

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00:53:27,760 --> 00:53:30,960

section 1 0 5, it tomorrow, tomorrow. Thank you. Um,

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00:53:30,960 --> 00:53:33,240

and that'll be towards the beginning of the hearing,

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00:53:33,300 --> 00:53:34,133

My colleague

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00:53:34,340 --> 00:53:35,920

In the afternoon. That, that's,

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That's it, yes. Yeah, of course. We're aware of that, sir. And, uh,

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00:53:39,010 --> 00:53:42,960

we'll be here to make an oral submission tomorrow, obviously,

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00:53:42,960 --> 00:53:47,080

as to our position following, um, Anglia Water's further submissions.

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But I'm anticipating that probably any written submission will come in at

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deadline one, as per your, your request. Um,

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I'm more

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Generally just, just to highlight that if we don't get the answers as we want,

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we may have further hearings on it,

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but it really depends on the responses we get tomorrow and any questions

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that we ask the applicant as well, uh, in writing that is

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Yes, but we will, we will,

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00:54:12,820 --> 00:54:15,720

we will follow up as far as it's necessary at the next deadline.

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00:54:19,080 --> 00:54:23,630

Thank you. So I understand that Esther Rabkin writer won't be speaking.

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00:54:24,650 --> 00:54:29,070

Not today, no. She will be leading tomorrow. Thank you. Um,

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and Ian Gilda from Safe and Heal Group,

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00:54:31,630 --> 00:54:34,630

if I can ask you to switch on your microphone and introduce yourself and where

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00:54:34,630 --> 00:54:35,463

you're from.

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00:54:37,180 --> 00:54:39,870

Good afternoon, ma'am. Um, I'm Ian Gilder.

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00:54:39,970 --> 00:54:42,710

I'm a retired planning and environmental consultant,

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00:54:42,890 --> 00:54:46,270

and I advise the Save Honey Hill Group. Um,

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obviously, um, Mrs. Starkey's given a general overview of,

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of areas that we are going to include in our written representations,

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and we've been very careful this afternoon not to go through issues that you've

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already read and seen, um, presented in our relevant representation. Um,

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and I'm not going to add much to that apart from, to make two comments really.

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One is that, um, in relation to the water resources issue,

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it is a matter of note and we shall be drawing further attention to

it,

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but clearly it's beginning already to start to impact on planning decisions

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being made in, in, in and around Cambridge, um,

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including the deferral of a or suspension of major public inquiry.

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00:55:34,220 --> 00:55:36,640

Um, and there are,

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00:55:36,640 --> 00:55:40,840

there is correspondence between the local authorities and secretaries of state

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00:55:41,060 --> 00:55:45,600

on the whole water resources issue and the need to come forward with

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00:55:46,260 --> 00:55:50,000

an adequate plan for further water supply post 2030. This has been,

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00:55:50,230 --> 00:55:52,800

this has long been known to be a problem in Cambridge,

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00:55:52,820 --> 00:55:57,560

but clearly it is now becoming critical to the scale of the local plan.

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Um, allocations that might be made, um, might be made,

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um, in the great Cambridge local plan,

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which in that sense has conveniently been deferred to await the

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00:56:10,880 --> 00:56:14,600
determination of the D C O. It also, of course, means that they're
no,

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00:56:14,600 --> 00:56:17,280
they're not at the moment wrestling with the problem of how,

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00:56:17,580 --> 00:56:21,440
how large that housing allocation could be, um, within the,

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00:56:21,460 --> 00:56:25,160
within the greater Cambridge local plan. And we will, um,

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00:56:25,470 --> 00:56:29,920
maam be bringing forward further evidence on the existence of

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alternative housing sites, is a question you asked, uh, Dr. James,

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00:56:33,580 --> 00:56:35,040
one or two other people, um,

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00:56:36,340 --> 00:56:39,280
in the first proposals for the Greater Cambridge local plan,

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00:56:39,280 --> 00:56:43,360
clearly there's provision for some 44,000, um,

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00:56:44,110 --> 00:56:48,040
dwellings in the period of 2041. Um,

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00:56:48,230 --> 00:56:53,080
there's also a very substantial traunch of sites which are either

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already existing consents or allocations,

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00:56:55,420 --> 00:57:00,320
or are part of the allocations that they were intending to make in
the,

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um, make,

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in the greater Cambridge local plan that add up to around the
further 20

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to 25,000 houses, according to,

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00:57:10,020 --> 00:57:13,950
depending on a couple of sites for which they've made no defined,
um,

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00:57:14,380 --> 00:57:17,990
quantum in the, in the plan. Now, those are at the moment

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00:57:19,620 --> 00:57:22,080
in, in the box for the post 2041 period,

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00:57:22,500 --> 00:57:25,960
and potentially that 20 to 25,000 houses,

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00:57:26,770 --> 00:57:31,520
which are existing site allocations or proposed site allocations
could be

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00:57:31,520 --> 00:57:36,440
brought forward instead of the kneecap site or some proportion of

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00:57:36,440 --> 00:57:40,480
the kneecap site. So we will, we will quantify that for you.

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00:57:40,760 --> 00:57:43,800
I very much hope local authorities,

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00:57:43,800 --> 00:57:46,760
were going to draw some of this to your attention, but they are
taking a fairly,

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00:57:47,220 --> 00:57:52,080
um, low key approach to, um, representing what's in their local

plans.

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00:57:52,080 --> 00:57:56,320

Clearly, you can read, you can read the first proposals, but it's,

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00:57:56,510 --> 00:57:57,800

it's not a, an exercise,

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00:57:57,800 --> 00:58:01,480

which I'd recommend to you as a panel to have to find your way through the,

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00:58:01,580 --> 00:58:05,600

the housing topic paper for a, an emerging local plan. Um,

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and it clearly needs to be some in summary in, in,

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00:58:08,700 --> 00:58:10,240

in front of you as part of the evidence.

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I think, ma'am, those are the, the two specific additional, um,

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00:58:18,020 --> 00:58:21,760

points that I would make. Um, and we are,

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00:58:22,500 --> 00:58:25,280

we will be presenting all of that in, in written reps later.

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00:58:29,390 --> 00:58:33,960

Just a point of clarification, it's the, um, same point I made to Mr. Booth,

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really, that if you could provide the documentary evidence bearing in mind that

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everything that the examining authority has seen is listed in the

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examination library. So some of the documents you referred to,

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00:58:47,880 --> 00:58:52,320

such as the emerging local plan, we haven't had sent into us yet.

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Yes, sir. I mean, thank you. That that is something that we will address.

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00:58:57,380 --> 00:59:01,000

And I think it does, it does come back partly to a, to a point I think I,

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00:59:01,550 --> 00:59:04,520

I've obviously made about the program this morning and about, um,

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00:59:04,900 --> 00:59:07,440

the importance of the local impact reports. Um,

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00:59:08,950 --> 00:59:11,240

clearly there's a very large, um,

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00:59:12,140 --> 00:59:15,800

set of documentation both that relates to the Northeast Cambridge area action

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plan, but also the greater Cambridge emerging, greater Cambridge local plan,

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um, including a very substantial, um,

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00:59:25,190 --> 00:59:27,720

development strategy update that was, um,

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00:59:28,310 --> 00:59:31,720

adopted by the councils in January, 2023,

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which was preceding what they were going to do with the next edition

of the

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00:59:37,000 --> 00:59:41,560

local plan. And it's that it's that next iteration of the local plan,

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which they had planned to, um,

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00:59:45,150 --> 00:59:48,000

make public in July of this year,

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00:59:48,810 --> 00:59:53,080

which they have, you know, announced quite quietly really in,

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in responses to your,

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00:59:55,020 --> 00:59:59,960

to on this application that it is now effectively suspended until the

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D C O is determined. Um, so that clearly puts,

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puts us back in the position of having to bring forward, you know,

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01:00:07,330 --> 01:00:12,240

quite a lot of evidence as to what was intended in the emerging local plan in

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2021 when it was published. Um, and we will do, we will do what we can,

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we can certainly, um, we will draw attention to particular, um,

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01:00:22,670 --> 01:00:24,720

aspects of it, but also of course we can,

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01:00:24,860 --> 01:00:27,880

we can clearly draw your attention to publish documents. Thank you.

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01:00:27,880 --> 01:00:28,720

Where they're available.

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01:00:33,100 --> 01:00:33,933

Thank you.

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01:00:36,030 --> 01:00:39,250

And if I could ask Phillip Goodwin to switch on your, um,

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01:00:39,380 --> 01:00:42,290

microphone and introduce yourself and who you represent.

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01:00:47,740 --> 01:00:52,690

Hello, my name is Phil Goodwin and, uh, I'm the joint owner of Poplar Hall,

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01:00:52,990 --> 01:00:55,930

one of the heritage assets, uh, along with Liz Cotton,

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01:00:55,990 --> 01:01:00,730

who'll be speaking as well. Um, we strongly object to the, uh,

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01:01:00,920 --> 01:01:04,650

application and, uh, further direct representation.

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01:01:04,930 --> 01:01:08,610

I just wanted to make sure that you would come and visit us, and I think we can,

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01:01:08,830 --> 01:01:13,170

uh, easily show how we'll be seriously impacted by it, um,

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01:01:13,940 --> 01:01:18,290

which is not, um, the contention of angling water.

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01:01:19,150 --> 01:01:21,450

Um, we'll have, uh,

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01:01:22,710 --> 01:01:27,610

two ventilation shafts just next to us, one, uh, open, uh,

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01:01:27,870 --> 01:01:32,850

up the driveway from us with, uh, a 10 meter high ventilation shaft.

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01:01:33,310 --> 01:01:37,250

Um, uh, and, um,

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01:01:37,980 --> 01:01:40,970

we'll have lots of construction work. We'll, uh,

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01:01:41,040 --> 01:01:45,090

have permanent access required by Anglia water just in front of our house.

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01:01:46,110 --> 01:01:49,090

Uh, the outfall will be just to the left of our house.

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01:01:49,550 --> 01:01:53,330

The horizon will be the view of the, uh,

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01:01:53,620 --> 01:01:56,130

plant and at night. Um,

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01:01:56,160 --> 01:02:00,490

currently we have black sky and the plant will

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01:02:01,280 --> 01:02:02,130

take up the,

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01:02:02,560 --> 01:02:07,250

will be flood lit at night and completely disconnect us from the

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01:02:07,250 --> 01:02:11,250

countryside. Um, and, you know,

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01:02:11,270 --> 01:02:14,770

all the other readers reasons in our representation, but, uh, we,

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01:02:14,840 --> 01:02:17,170
we'd really like you to come and see,

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01:02:17,750 --> 01:02:20,960
and you can see some of the flaws that they have in their arguments.

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01:02:27,130 --> 01:02:28,280
Thank you for that. Um,

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01:02:28,530 --> 01:02:32,440
there is an opportunity at deadline one to request

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01:02:33,720 --> 01:02:36,080
a ac an accompanied site inspection.

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01:02:37,660 --> 01:02:42,480
So if that's what you want to do, you may consider doing that at that point

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01:02:43,420 --> 01:02:44,840
You wouldn't normally come.

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01:02:45,940 --> 01:02:48,440
Uh, well, if, if it's requested, I,

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01:02:48,740 --> 01:02:51,080
you may also want to look at where we have already been,

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01:02:51,080 --> 01:02:55,440
which includes quite a lot of land around

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01:02:56,410 --> 01:03:00,200
where you live in. Yeah.

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01:03:00,220 --> 01:03:04,840
So we've seen from public land in the vicinity of your property.
Right.

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01:03:05,020 --> 01:03:08,440
If it's, if you're wanting us to look from private land Yeah.

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01:03:08,440 --> 01:03:12,720

Then that's something that you would need to put in writing and request to us,

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01:03:12,980 --> 01:03:17,680

um, at deadline one. Okay, thank you. But you,

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it may be that you liaise with the applicant over that as well.

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Why would I do that?

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Because the applicant would, um, organize, who would they like to come? Well,

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01:03:28,080 --> 01:03:30,960

they would organize the AC company site inspection. Great.

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01:03:32,630 --> 01:03:34,280

I'll do that. Thank you.

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01:03:36,670 --> 01:03:40,940

Thank you. And if I could invite, uh, Liz Cotton, um,

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01:03:41,160 --> 01:03:43,220

to introduce herself. Thank you.

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01:03:45,390 --> 01:03:50,340

Hello, my name is Liz Cotton and I am a local resident. Um, I, I live,

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01:03:50,560 --> 01:03:55,540

uh, between Deton and, um, hing Z. And I just, uh,

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what I most wanted to talk about actually was the, uh,

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strategic whole life carbon assessment. Um,

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but I wanted to say right at the top of, uh, my, uh,

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little speech that I, um, I come here also, um, uh,

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01:04:10,650 --> 01:04:14,940

talk to talk about the health and wellbeing of the community and the strength of

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01:04:14,940 --> 01:04:17,940

feeling. Um, and, uh, um,

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01:04:18,400 --> 01:04:21,140

you can see by the number of representations that have been made, uh,

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against it, but also, um,

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I didn't think it was appropriate to play them here today. But there are two,

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uh, uh, protest songs that have been, um,

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01:04:29,700 --> 01:04:33,820

sung and performed in the local church, uh, hoey by, uh,

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01:04:33,910 --> 01:04:36,900

local residents. And if, if you would like to look at those,

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I think you would have a sense of how strongly everybody, uh, uh,

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01:04:41,070 --> 01:04:42,260

feels about it. Um,

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01:04:42,340 --> 01:04:44,900

I dunno whether it's appropriate to submit that as a sort of part of

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01:04:44,900 --> 01:04:49,180

representation, but it, it seems important to me. It's, um,

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01:04:50,480 --> 01:04:54,700

so yes. Um, so I wanted to talk about the, I'm not a, I'm, I'm just a musician.

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I'm not a mathematician or anything, but I did want to,

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I did have a look at that strategic whole life, uh, carbon assessment, uh,

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7.5 0.2. Um, and it was first referred to as, you know,

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in the environment statement on carbon chapter 10. And it says,

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this is where in this document,

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the decommission and the demolition is going to be, uh, taken into account.

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But in that, to start with, in that, uh, document, there's no,

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no reference to the word demolition at all. It does use the word decommission,

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but it doesn't talk about the demolition of the original existing site at all.

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01:05:23,520 --> 01:05:27,400

It says it's a high level report, but it's also limited in its

granularity. Now,

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to me, this report seems completely crucial and vital because it is,

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it is the detail of detail of this is what justifies the moving of

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the sewage plant because it is claimed that this is the most sustainable

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01:05:41,680 --> 01:05:45,800

location for housing. So this is a very important document and should be, I'm,

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01:05:45,820 --> 01:05:48,160

I'm sure, of course you're looking at everything in great detail.

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01:05:48,380 --> 01:05:52,200

But there are some errors in this, which seems, uh, extraordinary given, um,

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01:05:52,260 --> 01:05:57,090

how important it's, um, um, uh,

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01:05:57,670 --> 01:06:00,770

of course, as you know, there are, um, many different, uh,

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01:06:01,050 --> 01:06:02,570

variables that have been discussed in this report.

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01:06:02,570 --> 01:06:05,810

There's the counterfactual scenario where you put the houses somewhere else,

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01:06:06,110 --> 01:06:09,810

and the proposed scenario, uh, where the, uh, sewage plant gets relocated,

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01:06:09,810 --> 01:06:12,650

there's the three different aspects. The carbon for the plant, the

housing,

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01:06:12,670 --> 01:06:17,050

and the commuting. There's the three different time periods, 26 to 42, 42 to 61,

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01:06:17,050 --> 01:06:20,290

and 61 to 80. That the three different carbon practice scenarios,

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01:06:20,490 --> 01:06:23,090

business as usual, midpoint scenario, and zero carbon policies.

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01:06:23,120 --> 01:06:26,170

There's embodied an operational card, um, operational.

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01:06:26,270 --> 01:06:29,970

But when it comes to the speed of housing rollout,

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01:06:30,260 --> 01:06:32,730

there are only two different speeds that are considered.

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01:06:32,730 --> 01:06:34,930

There's the conservative and the optimistic.

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01:06:35,390 --> 01:06:39,370

And in this document it says the reality would actually be somewhere in between.

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01:06:39,470 --> 01:06:43,250

Now, given the importance of the speed of the rollout and uh, on,

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01:06:43,310 --> 01:06:47,610

on sort of carbon figures, it seems extraordinary that that information is, uh,

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01:06:47,610 --> 01:06:52,090

missing festival. Um, secondly, it actually says in this report,

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01:06:52,230 --> 01:06:55,050

giving given funding limitations,

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01:06:55,110 --> 01:06:59,730

it is unrealistic to retrofit the wastewater treatment plant to a high level

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01:07:00,050 --> 01:07:04,450

i e bio methane production. That's and the quotation. So, um,

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01:07:04,500 --> 01:07:08,770

there is no data for, um, upgrading the, uh,

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01:07:09,150 --> 01:07:13,050

sewage plant, the existing sewage plant to the highest standards. Um,

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01:07:13,330 --> 01:07:16,570

angling mortar would only entertain doing that if it was paid for by the

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01:07:16,770 --> 01:07:20,730

taxpayer. So that seems a very unfortunate precedent, um, uh, to be setting.

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01:07:21,990 --> 01:07:26,960

Um, uh, secondly, oh, well, 30 fourthly probably, um,

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01:07:27,300 --> 01:07:30,800

all the figures in this document talk about differences in terms of percentage

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01:07:31,160 --> 01:07:32,600

increase, except for one,

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01:07:32,750 --> 01:07:36,520

when you are comparing the carbon emissions for upgrading the current plant as

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01:07:36,520 --> 01:07:38,080

opposed to rebuilding it on Honey Hill,

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01:07:38,260 --> 01:07:43,160

and that is des described as being 74% less if you

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01:07:43,160 --> 01:07:47,400

leave the plant where it is now, 74% less is actually the equivalent. So let's,

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01:07:47,400 --> 01:07:52,360

let's, let's express it as an, as an increase, 394% increase.

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01:07:52,780 --> 01:07:55,840

Now, actually this figure, I think it must be wrong. I, I,

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01:07:56,100 --> 01:08:00,960

and I would like you to look at it because on page, um, um, gosh,

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01:08:01,000 --> 01:08:03,680

I can't, I haven't noted down the page, I apologize. But the, um,

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01:08:03,780 --> 01:08:08,120

it says that the 13 K for operational costs until

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01:08:08,120 --> 01:08:12,200

2080, um, it, this cannot be correct,

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01:08:12,960 --> 01:08:17,160

I don't think, because in the Mo McDonald report of the 19th of June, 2020,

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01:08:17,540 --> 01:08:21,560

it says that it will be 21,382 K, um, uh,

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01:08:21,560 --> 01:08:25,000

21,382 over 18 years.

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01:08:25,500 --> 01:08:29,400

So to say that it would only be 13,000 for, um, uh,

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01:08:29,560 --> 01:08:33,760

I think up until 2080, I don't think that can be, uh, right. So in fact,

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01:08:34,180 --> 01:08:36,560

if that's the case, if the McDonald report is correct,

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01:08:36,560 --> 01:08:40,640

that means that the carbon for relocating the sewage plant is actually an

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01:08:40,800 --> 01:08:45,280

increase of 600% if it's, uh, uh, uh, relocated.

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01:08:46,060 --> 01:08:50,480

Um, also it does seem a slightly, um, if I may use the word ridiculous,

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01:08:50,740 --> 01:08:54,080

to talk about offsetting this carbon cost, um, uh,

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01:08:54,340 --> 01:08:58,080

but with figures from up to 2080 when in fact, as we all know,

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01:08:58,100 --> 01:08:59,440

the climate emergency is now,

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01:08:59,540 --> 01:09:01,800

and we should be looking at carbon figures in these,

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01:09:01,900 --> 01:09:05,400

in these immediate decades because the emergency is now. So it's what we do now,

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01:09:05,660 --> 01:09:09,680

not what happens at 2080. So I think really if one, which look at any period,

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01:09:09,680 --> 01:09:14,280

it would be that first period of 2026 to 42, not all three periods up to 2080.

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01:09:14,940 --> 01:09:17,320

Um, and there are some more mistakes on page 17.

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01:09:17,620 --> 01:09:21,000

The transport figure figures don't add up on those graphs on the left,

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01:09:21,100 --> 01:09:23,120

the counterfactual, that's scenarios, you know,

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01:09:23,290 --> 01:09:25,480

where you look at putting the houses somewhere else. Uh,

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01:09:25,480 --> 01:09:30,080

the total for cars and buses is, uh, 2 million. And for the proposed, um,

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01:09:30,140 --> 01:09:33,560

it is 1.2, um, um,

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01:09:35,140 --> 01:09:37,960

and are, um, um, but on the right of this page,

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01:09:38,100 --> 01:09:40,520

the totals are 1 million and not 0.6. And again,

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01:09:40,520 --> 01:09:43,080

exactly the same area on PA areas. On page 23,

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01:09:43,080 --> 01:09:47,800

it's the total for the counterfactual cars and buses is 2.6 and 1.6 for the

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01:09:47,960 --> 01:09:50,400

proposed. And then on the right, when they add up all the periods,

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01:09:50,400 --> 01:09:55,120

it comes to 1.2 for counterfactual 9.8. So I, I'd be delighted to be not, well,

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01:09:55,120 --> 01:09:58,440

I wouldn't be delighted to be proved wrong, but, um, that's what I, it,

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01:09:58,440 --> 01:10:00,680

it seemed to me when I was looking at it. So finally,

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01:10:00,800 --> 01:10:04,360

I would just like to say that I feel that m mor has failed to prove that it is

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01:10:04,360 --> 01:10:06,280

the most sustainable location effort. Therefore,

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01:10:06,280 --> 01:10:08,600

it has failed to prove that the housing must go here,

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01:10:08,620 --> 01:10:12,080

and therefore it has failed to demonstrate a need to build a new plant on

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01:10:12,080 --> 01:10:12,913

Greenbelt.

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01:10:12,980 --> 01:10:16,360

And it has failed to prove that this is the best option for the environment.

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01:10:16,860 --> 01:10:20,520

And especially, and I reiterate something that another speaker said, um,

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01:10:20,520 --> 01:10:22,320

putting the plant right next to WIC Anden,

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01:10:22,370 --> 01:10:26,760

which means that the WIC Anden vision will be canceled. And this, um,

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01:10:26,780 --> 01:10:30,720

WIC confirm vision is in order to extend the UK's most species rich nature

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01:10:30,720 --> 01:10:35,080

reserve, because according to the National Trust, this species res this, um,

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01:10:35,080 --> 01:10:39,520

nature Reserve is currently too small and isolated to guarantee the survival of

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01:10:39,520 --> 01:10:42,680

its rare and numerous species. And as we know, this is a very,

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01:10:42,960 --> 01:10:46,920

very important thing for us to be, uh, um, uh, supporting.

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01:10:47,060 --> 01:10:50,080

So thank you very much for listening. Thanks.

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01:10:53,420 --> 01:10:54,410

Thank you for that. Uh,

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01:10:54,490 --> 01:10:59,170

I think it'd be useful if you could set that out in a written submission because

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01:10:59,170 --> 01:11:03,170

there's, there's lots of figures and maybe some page numbers, which we,

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01:11:03,420 --> 01:11:06,050

which you weren't sure about. Sure. It'd be useful if you could,

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01:11:06,390 --> 01:11:06,950

Of course,

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01:11:06,950 --> 01:11:08,250

Set that out in a bit more detail.

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01:11:08,350 --> 01:11:10,010

Um, and may I give you some links to the songs?

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01:11:11,030 --> 01:11:14,040

Uh, we are not allowed to accept links, I'm afraid. Okay, fine.

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01:11:14,140 --> 01:11:19,000

In documentation. Well, in your spare time you could have a listen, but yes, uh,

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01:11:19,000 --> 01:11:22,680

definitely page number references particular figures, tables. That

would be

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01:11:23,070 --> 01:11:24,720

Helpful. You Thank you. Of course.

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01:11:28,540 --> 01:11:32,290

Thank you. Thanks. I understand that, uh,

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01:11:32,400 --> 01:11:36,130

Jane Williams has joined us. Can I just check, did she want to speak?

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01:11:44,710 --> 01:11:47,860

Hello? Hello. Yes, I would like to speak.

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01:11:48,750 --> 01:11:52,060

Thank you. If you could just introduce yourself and then, uh, feel free.

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01:11:52,800 --> 01:11:55,820

Um, yes, I'm, I'm, I'm, and I wasn't expecting to speak,

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01:11:55,840 --> 01:11:58,620

but I will be putting some evidence-based, um,

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01:11:59,640 --> 01:12:04,460

in support of what I'm going to say. Um, so, um, Jane Williams, um,

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I have asked to respond as an individual, um, but also, um, I,

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01:12:09,080 --> 01:12:13,220

we will be responding as Water Beach Parish Council. Um,

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01:12:13,700 --> 01:12:16,100

I have been listening to, um,

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01:12:16,170 --> 01:12:20,540

both sessions so far and do take on board the water situation,

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01:12:21,320 --> 01:12:25,380

um, number of houses that, um, are required. Um,

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01:12:25,480 --> 01:12:27,420

I'd like to just bring to the fact of it,

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01:12:27,880 --> 01:12:31,420

and I haven't looked at the new evidence that's been brought about Water Beach

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01:12:31,770 --> 01:12:33,860

with regard to, um, you know,

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01:12:33,860 --> 01:12:38,620

where or the inquiry has been informed where the new station is going to be.

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01:12:39,650 --> 01:12:42,140

Well, that's quite interesting because I'm not quite sure,

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01:12:42,160 --> 01:12:45,300

so I'll have to have a look at that. Um, could I just say,

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01:12:45,400 --> 01:12:49,780

we are talking about housing. We have Water Beach Newtown coming along. Um,

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01:12:50,310 --> 01:12:54,380

water Beach, Newtown East, which is 4,500 dwellings, um,

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01:12:54,880 --> 01:12:56,580

has not, it went to, um,

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01:12:57,520 --> 01:13:01,980

the South Cams Planning Committee in January, 2021.

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01:13:02,800 --> 01:13:07,500

The 4,500 houses has not yet been determined. Um,

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01:13:08,000 --> 01:13:08,980

and in the meantime,

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01:13:09,280 --> 01:13:13,660
the Greater Cambridge Partnership have agreed to fund the station 20 million

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01:13:13,720 --> 01:13:18,420
pounds. Um, grant of Citi deal, 70 million pounds.

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01:13:19,000 --> 01:13:23,420
Um, it is a cheap, is a cheap loan. Now the thing is, it, it is the funding.

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01:13:24,800 --> 01:13:26,500
We can't guarantee, I mean, the, the,

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01:13:26,570 --> 01:13:30,900
it's the planning application for the station is being progressed

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01:13:31,440 --> 01:13:34,260
by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. Um,

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01:13:34,730 --> 01:13:38,860
it's unclear what is happening with the SS 1 0 6 for the 4,500 houses.

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01:13:39,640 --> 01:13:42,020
Um, so it,

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01:13:42,020 --> 01:13:46,220
nothing is yet determined to actually be saying where a station is going to be.

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01:13:47,280 --> 01:13:52,140
Um, generally, um, we have a Water beach neighborhood plan that was, um,

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01:13:53,530 --> 01:13:57,900
made in, um, January 22, uh,

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01:13:57,900 --> 01:14:02,900
March 22. Um, is that a consideration? Is that being included, um,

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01:14:03,420 --> 01:14:07,980

considered by the inquiry? Um, have the,

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01:14:08,280 --> 01:14:11,740

um, I D B independent drainage board,

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01:14:11,840 --> 01:14:14,700

the Ely Independent Drainage Board being asked to speak,

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01:14:14,930 --> 01:14:19,860

because I noticed the Environment Agency has, but, um, where the,

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01:14:20,120 --> 01:14:24,620

the I D B actually are key in maintaining the waterways

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01:14:24,880 --> 01:14:29,420

around, um, well, the Water Beach Parish and surrounding areas.

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01:14:29,600 --> 01:14:33,220

So have they been included? Because I think that, you know, they could,

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01:14:33,280 --> 01:14:36,140

it could be, could greatly affect what's being proposed,

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01:14:36,140 --> 01:14:40,780

the drainage in the area, um, generally as well. Um,

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01:14:41,960 --> 01:14:46,060

so the Water Beach Newtown is very, very much up in the air. Um,

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01:14:47,090 --> 01:14:49,380

also the suitability,

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01:14:49,620 --> 01:14:52,100

I know it's gone to kneecap and we're talking a lot about this,

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01:14:52,400 --> 01:14:56,300

the suitability of actually putting people on the, um,

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01:14:57,410 --> 01:15:00,260

Cambridge Northeast and Fringe site. Um,

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01:15:00,740 --> 01:15:02,500

I need to do some more detailed work at that.

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01:15:02,580 --> 01:15:04,860

I know that you will be looking at it. Um,

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01:15:04,960 --> 01:15:09,500

so really the suitability of the site, also, the cumulative effect.
Um,

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01:15:09,620 --> 01:15:14,340

I told you that Water Beach, Newtown, 4,500 houses has not yet been determined,

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01:15:14,960 --> 01:15:19,660

but the Cambridge Northeastern Fringe and Water Beach Newtown

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01:15:19,800 --> 01:15:22,220

are very in very close proximity to each other,

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01:15:22,590 --> 01:15:27,460

which could mean in additional 50,000 people. So we've heard talk about water,

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01:15:27,510 --> 01:15:31,100

we've heard talk about the environment. Um, yes,

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01:15:31,100 --> 01:15:33,020

these have been approved in the local plan,

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01:15:33,020 --> 01:15:37,020

but the cumulative effect that people have talked about earlier is this being a

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01:15:37,220 --> 01:15:40,460

consideration with regard to environment, with regard to people, uh,

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01:15:40,460 --> 01:15:44,460

with regard to the general infrastructure. Thank you.

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01:15:51,230 --> 01:15:53,980
Thank you very much. Um, just one point,

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01:15:54,280 --> 01:15:59,260
the internal drainage board will be producing a statement to

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01:15:59,260 --> 01:16:01,340
common ground with the applicant. Um,

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01:16:01,640 --> 01:16:06,500
and we will be addressing that a little bit further in tomorrow

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01:16:06,570 --> 01:16:10,900
morning's hearing. So I just wanted to bring that to your attention

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01:16:13,200 --> 01:16:15,980
and an additional point to bring to your attention as well. You,

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01:16:16,160 --> 01:16:21,140
you asked I in whether it was rhetorically or not about whether the,
the, um,

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01:16:21,180 --> 01:16:23,620
neighborhood plan had been taken into account.

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01:16:25,080 --> 01:16:29,620
That's something that interested parties can bring to our attention

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01:16:30,520 --> 01:16:34,500
in their written representations. You will also see,

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01:16:34,880 --> 01:16:38,660
we mentioned this morning that some questions have been prepared for
the

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01:16:38,820 --> 01:16:39,653
applicant,

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01:16:40,310 --> 01:16:45,300
which do seek clarification amongst other things on the Water Beach
neighborhood

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01:16:45,330 --> 01:16:48,500
plan policies. Thank you.

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01:16:49,430 --> 01:16:49,780
Thank

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01:16:49,780 --> 01:16:50,613
You very much.

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01:16:54,310 --> 01:16:55,143
Thank you.

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01:16:55,390 --> 01:16:58,820
We've now come to the end of the list that I have of speakers who
pre notified

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01:16:58,820 --> 01:17:02,700
us of their wish to speak. Is there anybody else who would like to
speak?

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01:17:06,320 --> 01:17:08,460
Yes, if you'd like to come forward and introduce yourself,

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01:17:21,170 --> 01:17:25,280
How's that? Super. Thank you. Um, Matthew Aslin, uh,

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01:17:25,460 --> 01:17:29,880
on behalf of Krust, uh, apologies in advance. I hadn't, uh,

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01:17:30,360 --> 01:17:34,360
informed of, of wanting to speak, but having heard the the evidence
here today,

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01:17:34,440 --> 01:17:39,320
I wanted to just, um, uh, respond on two points. Uh, thank you,
ma'am. Um,

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01:17:40,460 --> 01:17:43,760
the first one is to say that having looked at the,

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01:17:44,030 --> 01:17:48,840

both the issues list being raised and also the matters for the specific

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01:17:48,880 --> 01:17:53,120

hearings, uh, and, and the hearings tomorrow, I was heartened by seeing those,

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01:17:53,860 --> 01:17:57,480

uh, that was the first point, general point. Uh, the, the second point,

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01:17:57,540 --> 01:18:00,440

and I apologies, apologies that the, uh,

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01:18:00,960 --> 01:18:03,000

procedural issues were addressed this morning.

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01:18:03,700 --> 01:18:08,320

Having listened to the wealth of evidence, uh,

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being brought forward here,

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01:18:10,440 --> 01:18:14,440

I would like just raise a further comment regarding the timescales that were

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01:18:14,440 --> 01:18:18,090

discussed this morning. Um, it,

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01:18:18,090 --> 01:18:22,730

it's clearly evident the wealth of matters and the enormity of

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01:18:22,850 --> 01:18:27,210

matters. Um, at the, uh, at the end of the day,

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01:18:27,470 --> 01:18:31,410

the applicant, uh, and, and the staff have the ability to go home,

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01:18:32,230 --> 01:18:35,850

the independent parties and the, um,

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01:18:36,270 --> 01:18:38,250
the local community groups don't.

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01:18:38,710 --> 01:18:42,010
The enormity of the evidence is significant.

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01:18:42,670 --> 01:18:47,530
And so therefore, I wanted to support the request made by, uh,

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01:18:47,540 --> 01:18:52,450
honey Hill this morning to move D two and D three back

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01:18:52,590 --> 01:18:55,930
to allow a suitable level of review.

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01:18:59,470 --> 01:19:04,010
So, um, that was the, um, general request.

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01:19:05,260 --> 01:19:07,130
Aside from the normal level,

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01:19:07,430 --> 01:19:10,450
the enormity of the documentation that needs to be processed,

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01:19:10,940 --> 01:19:15,090
we've seen from the applicant, we've seen on a number of occasions,

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01:19:15,870 --> 01:19:20,130
um, the challenges with emergent information, uh,

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01:19:20,310 --> 01:19:24,410
two false dawns and a number of draft, a certain element of draft documents.

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01:19:25,080 --> 01:19:29,850
This, this gives an added pressure for community groups such as Fin Trust,

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01:19:30,320 --> 01:19:32,170
save Honey Hill and independent parties,

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01:19:32,670 --> 01:19:37,330

an extra challenge with being able to review the documentation and provide

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01:19:37,650 --> 01:19:42,610

evidence in that time in those timescales. Um, so, uh,

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01:19:42,850 --> 01:19:47,290

I I do take on board what Mr. May said, um,

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01:19:47,640 --> 01:19:52,210

that, that that would have a knock on effect on the rest of the, uh,

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01:19:52,510 --> 01:19:55,730

the rest of the activities and meeting the six months deadline.

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01:19:56,510 --> 01:20:00,210

But I do believe that the earlier formative, uh,

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01:20:00,280 --> 01:20:04,330

formative stages and giving the community groups and the independent parties,

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01:20:04,470 --> 01:20:09,040

the opportunity to respond is absolutely essential to ensuring

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01:20:09,260 --> 01:20:13,520

the, the integrity of the rest of the examination. That,

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01:20:13,520 --> 01:20:18,160

that was my comment. So, one other thing I should just add, quien Trust,

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I didn't, uh, appropriately introduce Quien Trust. Uh,

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01:20:22,430 --> 01:20:27,080

Kuen is a site of special scientific interest, which is,

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uh, to the northeast of the proposed site. It, um,

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it has a hydrological connection with Black Ditch,

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01:20:34,090 --> 01:20:38,840

which runs alongside the proposed development. Uh, trust is a,

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01:20:39,240 --> 01:20:43,480

a group of trustees who maintain and look to develop

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and, and protect the interests of as a triple si.

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Sorry, that was a bit of a, um, bit of a dashed comment,

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but thank you for letting me chip that in.

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Thank you very much for your comments. Uh, Mr. Aspen,

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we'll obviously take that on board in determining and confirming the timetable.

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And just to check,

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01:21:13,580 --> 01:21:16,340

is there anybody else either here or virtually that wishes to speak?

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01:21:23,530 --> 01:21:24,363

Okay,

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01:21:24,670 --> 01:21:27,540

Thank you very much. Now that we've heard from everyone,

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I will now move on to agenda item five and ask the applicant if it wishes to

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comment on or respond to any of the oral submissions. So,

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can I ask the applicant, um,

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do you wish to comment on or respond to any of the oral submissions made at

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today's open floor hearing?

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Thank you, mom. Um,

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a range of all very important and detailed topics have been, um,

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01:21:47,230 --> 01:21:50,940

aired this afternoon and we appreciate the time that it takes, uh,

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everybody to do that right up until now and, and ongoing with the process.

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We would like to consider all Matters in Full and propose that we'll respond,

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once we've carefully considered everybody's comments this afternoon in writing

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by Deadline one, please.

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Thank you. And I'll hand back to Mr. Huon to close this hearing.

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Uh,

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thank you all for your attendance and participation in this hearing has all been

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really helpful. Useful information. Um, before I close the hearing,

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lemme just remind you that any post-hearing submissions,

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including written summaries of all the cases you've made orally should be

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submitted by Deadline one on the 20th of November, 2023. Um,

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01:22:39,720 --> 01:22:44,100

can I just remind you of the next stage of the process also? So,

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issue specific hearing one on the draft development consent order will be at

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nine 30 tomorrow morning in this same room.

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01:22:51,710 --> 01:22:55,820

Issue specific hearing two on the principal of the proposed development will be

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at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon, again, in the same room.

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And the examining authority will issue the timetable and our first

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written questions, um, probably early next week.

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And the time is now 3 23,

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and this open floor hearing is now closed. Thank you all. Yes,

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01:23:18,020 --> 01:23:22,760

Sir. Sorry to jump in right at the end before you pull the curtain down. Um,

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you,

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I think referred this morning to a list of documents for the IHS as being

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attached to the agendas for those for tomorrow. Um,

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my barrister has just emailed me and said she finds they're not attached to

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01:23:37,200 --> 01:23:40,280

those agendas. Is, is it, are we correct in, uh,

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Letter? So we will highlight which documents, uh,

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tomorrow at the hearing and we'll give you the examination library reference and

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the applicant will be sharing those on the large screens as well.

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01:23:51,530 --> 01:23:54,160

Right, but not, they weren't published in advance. Uh,

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she's clearly looking for a list of documents.

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Yeah, no, I don't believe they were.

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Thank you, sir.

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01:23:58,730 --> 01:23:59,563

Thank you.

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01:24:01,420 --> 01:24:06,400

So the time is now 3 24 and the hearing is now closed. Thank you very much.

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01:24:08,130 --> 01:24:12,290

Thank you. Thank you.