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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (“SoCG”) is submitted as part of an application by Anglian Water Services Limited (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (“the Application”).
- 1.1.2 The Application is the provision of a new modern, low carbon waste water treatment plant for Greater Cambridge, together with the necessary pipelines and tunnel (“the Project”). The project is an enabler of sustainable growth. The relocation of the existing works, from its current site, will unlock the last large brown field site in Greater Cambridge and allow the creation of a new city district and provide much needed housing and commercial space in a sustainable location, with access to transport, jobs and recreational opportunities.
- 1.1.3 This SoCG has been prepared by the Applicant and agreed with SLC Rail. The Applicant has engaged with SLC Rail and Waterbeach Development Company (WDC) as part of the Application to facilitate and coordinate the delivery of the Waterbeach New Station (“the New Station”).
- 1.1.4 WDC is promoting strategic scale development at Waterbeach new town East. An outline planning application for up to 4,500 new homes alongside a range of other commercial, community, recreational and other open space uses achieved a resolution to grant permission at South Cambridgeshire District Council’s Planning Committee on 29 January 2021, pending completion of a section 106 agreement (ref: S/2075/18/OL).
- 1.1.5 WDC has also gained full planning permission for a relocated railway station to serve the new town and existing residents on 9 January 2020 (ref: S/0791/18/FL), which remains extant following lawful commencement, as confirmed by LDC application ref: 23/00541/CL2PD, issued by SCDC on 4 May 2023. The design and delivery of the relocated Railway Station is being undertaken by SLC Rail.
- 1.1.6 Work is underway in relation to a further intended full planning application for a new waste water pumping station within the south-eastern corner of the Waterbeach new town East site. This falls outside the scope of the DCO Application and will be submitted by WDC.
- 1.1.7 The Applicant has engaged with SLC Rail and WDC to ensure the Applicant’s DCO programme and delivery of the Waterbeach pipeline and the installation of a new terminal pumping station are aligned with the New Station and any access proposals for the The project can be managed effectively, along with traffic management and traffic plan proposals during the construction and operational phases of the project.
- 1.1.8 To date, SLC Rail and WDC have reviewed draft proposals at various stages of the design development in a series of combined meetings. The Applicant will continue

to engage SLC Rail and WDC in regular joint meetings, and one to one meetings with each part.

1.1.9 In this SoCG, reference to ‘the parties’ means the Applicant and SLC Rail.

1.2 Approach to the SoCG

1.2.1 The SoCG will evolve as the DCO Application progresses through Examination. It is structured as follows.

- Section 2 confirms the pre-application consultation undertaken to date between the Applicant and SLC Rail;
- Section 3 identifies the relevant documents on which the agreements recorded in this SoCG were reached;
- Section 4 provides a summary of matters that have been agreed, are still under discussion and which are not agreed;

Agreed	indicates where the issue has been resolved and is recorded in Green and marked “ Low ”
Under Discussion	indicates where these issues or points will be the subject of on-going discussion whenever possible to resolve or refine the extent of disagreement between the parties and is recorded in Amber and marked “ medium ”
Not Agreed	indicates a final position and is recorded in Red and marked high

- Section 5 includes the signatures of all parties to confirm their agreement that this SoCG is an accurate record of key meetings and consultations undertaken and issues and discussions as at the date of this SoCG.

1.3 Status of the SoCG

1.3.1 This version 1 of the SoCG represents the position between the Applicant and SLC Rail as at 6 November 2023. It has been prepared by the Applicant and submitted to SLC Rail for comment. The areas of agreement/disagreement are based upon only the Applicant’s understanding from recent meetings and discussions and do not constitute the position of SLC Rail until such time that their express agreement is provided.

1.3.2 The SoCG will continue to be reviewed and progressed through Examination as well as any actions arising from the Issue Specific Hearings on the draft DCO.

2 Consultation and Engagement

2.1.1 The Applicant has engaged with SLC Rail and WDC in a series of joint meetings and in one to one meetings on specific issues since May 2022, (following the issue of a

Certificate of Lawful Development from SCDC), given that the site of the New Station was within the DCO Order Limits.

- 2.1.2 The parties are aware of the potential for the New Station and the project to proceed at the same time, and it is agreed that there is a need to carefully co-ordinate their delivery. This engagement will continue through the Examination process and through the separate planning application processes involved with the full delivery of the New Station and associated infrastructure.
- 2.1.3 On 21 September 2023 the Applicant submitted a Notification of Change Request [AS-006] to the Examining Authority which stated the intention to submit a request for a minor change to the Application.
- 2.1.4 The proposed change arose after the submission of the Application, and as a result of the Applicant's ongoing engagement with SLC Rail, WDC and other relevant parties.
- 2.1.5 The Applicant consulted relevant stakeholders as part of this Change Request requirement to assist in the determination of whether the Change Request was material or not. The consultation period lasted for 14 days and SLC Rail were notified on 29 September 2023, marking the start of consultation, with the deadline for response was 11:59pm on 13 October 2023, signalling the close of consultation.
- 2.1.6 SLC Rail submitted a response to the Applicant on 11 October 2023. The points raised in that response form the topic headings in section 4 below.

3 Documents considered in this SoCG

- 3.1.1 In reaching common ground on the matters covered in this SoCG, the parties made reference to the following documents within the DCO Application.
 - Location and Scheme Order limits (App Doc Ref 4.4.1)
 - General Arrangement Plans (App Doc Ref 4.2.0 – 4.2.10)
 - Works Plans (App Doc Ref 4.3.0 – 4.3.10)
 - Sheet 10 of the Land Plans (App Doc Ref 4.4.10)
 - Design Plans Waterbeach pipeline and long sections (App Doc Ref 4.14.0 – 4.14.12)
 - Book of Figures Traffic and Transport (App Doc Ref 19.1 – 19.4)
 - Code of Construction Management Plans Parts A and B (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1 and App Doc Ref 5.4.2.2).

4 Summary and status of Agreement

4.1 Order limits Change Request

- 4.1.1 The change request submitted on 21 September 2023 represented a reduction in the land required for the project which also reduces the overlapping, as far as possible, of the Order Limits with the proposed New Station site. The reduction in the size of the land required relates to Land Parcels 069a and 070a.
- 4.1.2 The proposed change would also result in changes to the type of works for which the DCO is applying and to the powers of compulsory acquisition sought to enable those works. This applies in relation to Land Parcel 070a and 071a.
- 4.1.3 The powers over this land, which currently propose permanent acquisition of rights to facilitate Waterbeach Pipeline North (Work Number 33), will change to proposed powers of temporary possession for the purposes of a Waterbeach Pipeline Construction Compound (Work Number 34).

Table 4.1 details the summary and status of agreement on Order limits change request

Statement/document on which agreement is sought.	Status	Comments
The Construction Transport Management Plan (CTMP) (App Doc Ref 5.4.19.3) sets out the commitment to manage vehicle routes and timings to ensure that construction access points are clearly known to users of the roads. Section 5.2 includes information about the temporary access points and construction road signage. The assessment approach based on a worst-case scenario and mitigation proposals are agreed.	Low	Agreed

4.2 Access to site and within site

- 4.2.1 The Assessment of traffic and transport is set out in the Environmental Statement Traffic and Access Chapter 19 (App Doc Ref 5.4.19.1 and 5.4.19.2) and Chapter 19 appendices for Transport Assessment (App Doc Ref 5.4.19.3).

4.2.2 In addition, a series of management plans have been produced to demonstrate how traffic and access would be managed during the construction and operation of the project including; Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (App Doc Ref 5.4.19.3), Workers Travel Plan, Construction Workers Travel Plan – (App Doc Ref 5.4.19.1 – 5.4.19.9) and Code of Construction Management Plans Parts A and B (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1 and App Doc Ref 5.4.2.2).

Table 4.2 details the access requirements for the new station development and access to construction compounds

Statement/document on which agreement is sought.	Status	Comments
<p>The CTMP (App Doc Ref 5.4.19.3) sets out the commitment to manage vehicle routes and timings to ensure that construction access points are clearly known to users of the roads. Section 5.2 includes information about the temporary access points and construction road signage. The assessment approach based on a worst case scenario and mitigation proposals are agreed.</p> <p>The Applicant will review the traffic management plans submitted by SLC Rail to SCDC and their proposed enabling work to ensure appropriate measures and mitigation are undertaken in the event that the Applicant’s proposed construction programme for the Waterbeach pipeline overlaps with the enabling works of SLC Rail’s construction programme.</p>	Low	Agreed
<p>SLC Rail are reviewing, with SCDC, the potential to utilize a haul road for their construction period that is not via Waterbeach village nor via Bannolds Drove but is accessed from the north of the site, from the Waterbeach New town development site itself. This is promoted to avoid access via the existing village and reduce the impact on the community. This proposed haul road location will form the subject of a separate planning application to SCDC.</p>	Medium	With SLC Rail and SCDC for discussion. The proposed planning application would be fully supported by the Applicant. The temporary land possession identified in the change to the Land Plans can be coordinated to facilitate this haul road in the event the application is successful

4.3 Layout of Pumping Station

- 4.3.1 The location and layout of the pumping stations required for the transfer of flows from Waterbeach New Town to the project or to the existing WWTP for treatment has been agreed and is set out in the plan attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.3.2 The consenting and delivery of the pumping station sits outside the DCO Application and will be provided by WDC.
- 4.3.3 The design of the pumping station has been agreed between the Applicant and WDC who have prepared a draft EIA screening opinion request to be submitted to SCDC shortly. A formal planning application will follow thereafter.

Table 4.3 details the layout and location of the terminal pumping station.

Statement/document on which agreement is sought.	Status	Comments
The plan attached at Appendix 1 represents the proposed location, layout and access of the terminal pumping station and is considered acceptable.	Low	Agreed

5 Agreement on the SoCG

This Statement of Common Ground has been jointly agreed by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Position: _____

On behalf of: Anglian Water Services Limited

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Position: _____

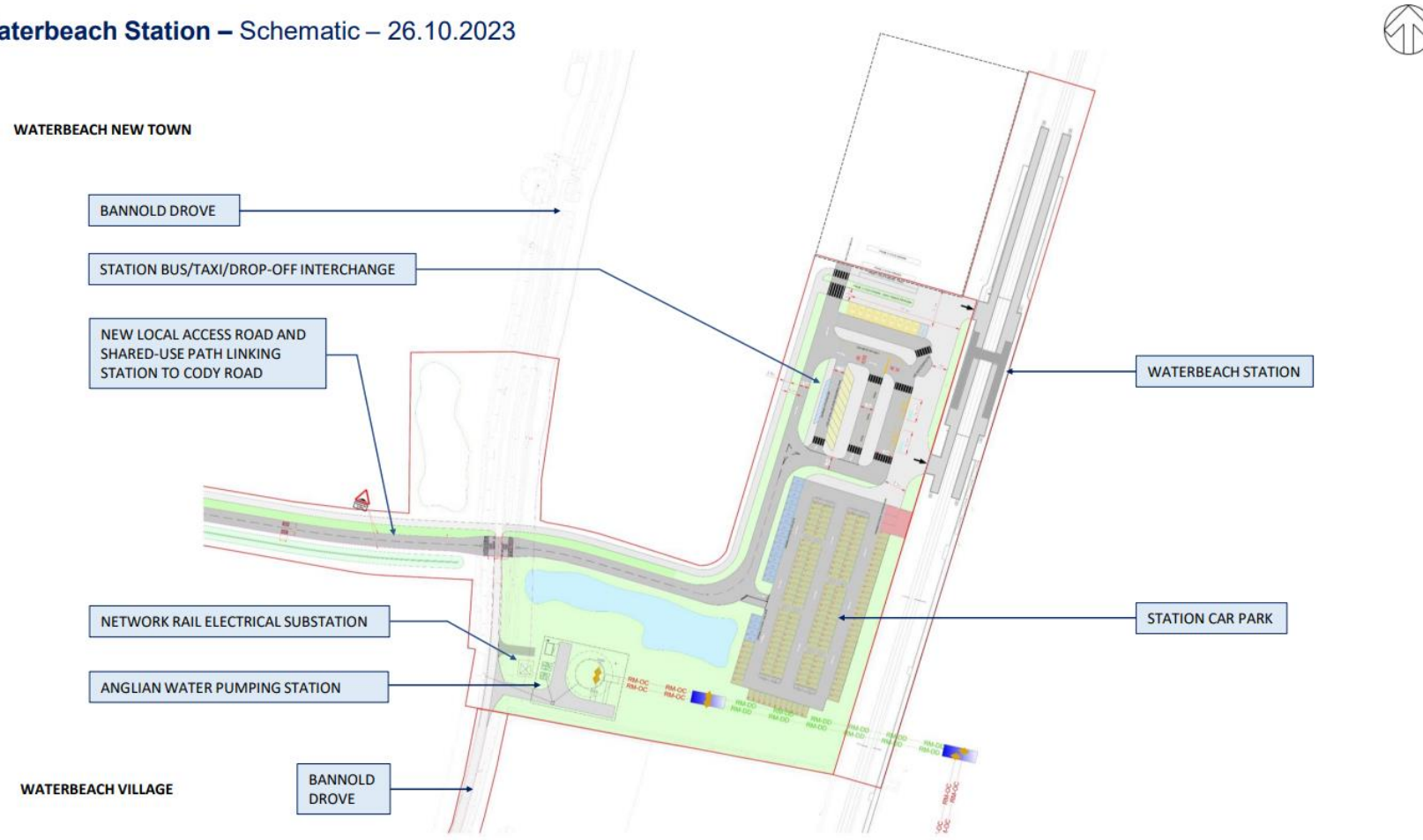
On behalf of: SLC Rail Limited

Date: _____

6 Appendix 1

The location and layout of the pumping station plan

Waterbeach Station – Schematic – 26.10.2023



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