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Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13 and Rule 16

Application by Anglian Water Services Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project

Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

We write to all Interested Parties and Other Persons to provide notice of the dates, times and places of forthcoming hearings and an ASI. Important details are set out at in **Annex A**, **Annex B**, **Annex C**, and **Annex D** to this letter.

Hearings

As set out in the Examination Timetable annexed to our [Rule 8 letter](#) dated 24 October 2023, we asked Interested Parties who wish to speak at a further Open Floor Hearing (OFH) or at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) to notify the Planning Inspectorate by 20 November 2023 (Deadline 1). No specific requests were received from an Affected Person to be heard at a CAH or from parties wishing to speak at an OFH.

Given this, and as a previous OFH has been held, a further OFH will not feature in the upcoming hearings week. However, in the interests of fairness and completeness, we have decided to hold a CAH on **9 January 2024**. We will also hold an Issue Specific Hearing (on environmental matters) on **10 and 11 January 2024**.

The hearings will be held as blended events, this means they are virtual and in-person events. Details and arrangements for these hearings are provided in **Annex A**.

ASI

As set out in the Examination Timetable annexed to our [Rule 8 letter](#), Interested Parties were given the opportunity to comment on the Applicant's draft ASI itinerary at Deadline 1. We have taken the decision to hold an ASI on **Monday 8 January 2024** (see **Annex B**) in accordance with the final itinerary in **Annex C**.



Registration to participate in hearings or ASI

You must register using the [Event Participation Form](#) by **18 December 2023, Deadline 3** if you intend to participate in the hearings or ASI, and provide all the information requested.

Changes to events

If any of the events scheduled at Annex A or Annex B are no longer required, reasonable notice will be provided to parties of our decision to cancel them. This information will be published on the [project page](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website. You may wish to sign up to [email updates](#) to receive notifications.

Yours faithfully

Alex Hutson

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

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Annex A - Notification of Hearings

A Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) and an Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) will be held as follows:

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
CAH1	Tuesday 9 January 2024	Registration and seating: 10:30am Event start: 11:00am	All hearings will be blended events at: Hilton Cambridge City Centre, 20 Downing St, Cambridge CB2 3DT
ISH3 on environmental matters	Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 January 2024	Registration and seating: 9:00am Event start: 9:30am	and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Instructions on how to join will be provided in advance to those who have registered.
If any of the above hearings are no longer required then notification will be published as soon as practicable on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website, providing reasonable notice to Interested Parties of the decision to cancel.			

Applicant's notification duties

The Applicant is reminded of its duty to notify and publicise hearings under Rule 13(6) and 13(7) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Purpose of hearings

The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.5: The Examination: hearings and site inspections](#) provides information about the purpose of hearings and site inspections.

Registration and requests to participate in hearings

You must register using the [Event Participation Form](#) by **18 December 2023 (Deadline 3)** if you intend to participate in the hearings and provide all the information requested.

It may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered. Any request to participate should include the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number;



- name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable);
- for blended events, confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person;
- confirmation of the hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise;
- for Compulsory Acquisition hearings, the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the Book of Reference and the Land Plans; and
- the Examination Library reference number (with paragraph/page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to.

Joining instructions for the virtual part of the hearings are issued by the Case Team by email shortly before the hearing dates.

Observe the hearings:

If you simply wish to observe any of the hearings, then you can:

- Watch a livestream of the event - a link to the livestream will be made available on the project webpage shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/or
- Watch the recording of the event which will be published on the project webpage shortly after the event has finished.
- Attend the physical event at the venue, please register using the [Event Participation Form](#) to allow us to ensure adequate seating.

Please contact the Case Team if you require any support to attend any hearing, either virtually or in person.

Hearing Agendas

The agendas and any detailed arrangements for the hearings will be published on the project webpage before the hearings. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the ExA's discretion.

Procedure at Hearings and Post Hearing submissions

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Participation in a hearing will be subject to the ExA's powers of control. It is for the ExA to determine how the hearing will be conducted, including the time allowed at the hearing for the making of a person's representations. The hearing will be managed in the interests of ensuring fair access to the hearing for all parties, and to ensure that the submissions of all invited persons are fully heard within the allotted time. For Issue Specific Hearings, Interested Parties (IPs) may be invited to make oral representations at the hearing on the specific issues being examined at the hearing as set out in the agenda.

All hearings are recorded. The recordings and transcripts will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed at a hearing. It is therefore



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important to note that anyone speaking at the hearing will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, each time they speak to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the hearing is clear who was speaking.

As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies. Please refer to our [Privacy Notice](#) for further information. Participants must do their best to avoid making public any information which they would otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or removed before it is made publicly available. Any person who is unclear on this point should ask the Case Team for guidance before they place personal and private information into the public domain. The Planning Inspectorate's practice is to publish the recordings and transcripts and retain them for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the Development Consent Order (DCO). If you actively participate in the hearing, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that the recording and transcript will be made available in the public domain.

The evidence presented orally at hearings should be included in post hearing submissions and submitted at the relevant deadline in the [Examination timetable](#).



Annex B - Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

We write to advise you that an ASI will be held on **Monday 8 January 2024** in line with the itinerary at **Annex C**.

Event	Date	Time	Meeting Place
ASI	Monday 8 January 2024	Meeting time: 11:45am Safety briefing from the Applicant and introduction by the ExA: 12:00pm	Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Main Entrance 18 Cowley Rd Cambridge CB4 0DL

Register by: **18 December 2023 (Deadline 3)** using the [Event Participation Form](#)

Comments were received at Deadline 1 from Save Honey Hill Group [REP1-168] on the ASI itinerary submitted by the Applicant at Procedural Deadline A [PDA-001]. However, the ExA is satisfied that it has already visited many of the locations suggested during its first Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI1). In addition, the ExA does not consider it necessary to visit some of the other locations suggested, such as the Cambridge Science Park and 'Site 2', given that they are outside of the Order limits and do not feature in the draft Development Consent Order. Furthermore, Save Honey Hill Group has not specified any substantive or compelling reasons which necessitates the ExA to visit these locations.

However, the ExA intends to undertake a further USI. This will include visiting the locations of the existing and the proposed outfall to the River Cam. Additionally, the ExA has received an invitation from Elizabeth Cotton [REP1-181] to visit the vicinity of her property, which the ExA intends to undertake on an unaccompanied (access required) basis.

In light of the above, the ExA is generally satisfied with the ASI itinerary as proposed by the Applicant. However, the ExA would also find it helpful to be shown the office accommodation associated with the existing Cambridge waste water treatment plant.

The ASI is not an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the site. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features of interest.

Further information about site inspections can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice note 8.5](#).

Registering to attend the ASI

You must register using the [Event Participation Form](#) by **18 December 2023 (Deadline 3)** if you intend to participate in the ASI and provide all the information



requested. If you have a mobile phone, please provide the number in the unlikely event that we need to contact you on the day.

Please let us know in advance if you have any additional requirements.

Attendees must arrive at the meeting place by **11:45am** to receive a compulsory safety briefing by the Applicant and introductory remarks from the Planning Inspectorate which will commence promptly at **12:00pm**. Attendees may not be able to join the event if arriving late. The ASI will commence as soon as possible after these statements have been made. If weather conditions make the inspection unviable, attendees will be notified as soon as possible by the Case Team.

The inspection may include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather, and sturdy footwear.

For logistical and safety reasons the number of attendees may be limited. Priority will be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate staff, the Applicant, local authorities and relevant statutory parties.

Cancellations

In the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#). You may wish to sign up for [email updates](#) to receive automatic updates.



Annex C - Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) Itinerary and Route

The ASI will be held at the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant:

Main Entrance

18 Cowley Rd

Cambridge

CB4 0DL

Car Parking

Car parking will be available through the main entrance following the route mapped below. Where required additional overflow parking will be available, someone will be available on the day to direct individuals to the overflow parking.





Itinerary

ID	Location
	Attendees arrive from: 11:45am
	Safety briefing from the Applicant and introduction by the ExA: 12:00pm
1.	Terminal Pumping Station & Inlet Structure
2.	Iron Salt Dosing
3.	Primary Settlement Tanks
4.	Storm Tanks and Storm Lagoon
5.	Stream D forward feed pumping station
6.	Disused trickling filters
7.	Sludge Blending Tanks & Drum Thickeners
8.	Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Plant
9.	Monsal Plant
10.	Disused humus tanks
11.	Sand Filter
12.	Storm Lagoon
13.	Activated Sludge Process structures
14.	Final Settlement Tanks
15.	Final Effluent Outfall Point within the WWTP
16.	Transfer tunnel construction area temporary compounds (Work No.28)
17.	Final Settlement Tanks
18.	Innovation Centre
19.	Activated Sludge Process structures
20.	Stream C distribution chamber
21.	Washwater System
22.	Sludge Thickening Building
23.	Digesters
24.	Disused humus tanks
25.	Centrifuges
26.	Cake Storage
27.	Sludge Thickening Building
28.	Sludge Import Area
29.	Primary Settlement Tanks
30.	Disused trickling filters
31.	Interception and first construction shaft (Work No. 18)
32.	Existing rising main diversions (Work No.17)
33.	Milton House
	Finish 14.30pm (approximately)



Route



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Annex D - Health and Safety Guidelines

A Health and Safety Risk Assessment will be carried out for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI). All attendees will be required to undergo a site induction which will highlight the main health and safety considerations, prior to entry into the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant. However, we request you ensure that:

- You remain with the site guides at all times
- You pay attention to the health and safety briefing
- You act with due care and attention whilst on site
- You do not act in a way that could harm yourself or others
- If you have any questions please speak to one of the Anglian Water Services Ltd guide team who will help you

The existing Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant is an operational site and there are a number of Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (DSEAR) locations and confined spaces which require specialist training and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to enter. Access to these locations is not permitted and therefore these locations will be viewed from either the boundaries of the plant or the boundary of the DSEAR zone. All attendees will be required to follow the instruction of the operational staff in terms of not accessing restricted areas.

The following PPE is mandatory when accessing the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant and will be provided where needed:

- Lace-up safety boots
- High viz coat or jacket
- Hand, eye and ear protection
- No shorts or skirts

The health and safety of employees and visitors is of the highest importance to Anglian Water Services Limited. Failure to comply with the health and safety guidelines will result in individuals either being unable to participate in the ASI or being asked to leave the site.

First Aid	A basic first aid kit and first aider are located in the operational office. A defibrillator device is also located here.
Emergency	Speak to guide team who will contact the appropriate responder.
Nearest Hospital	Addenbrookes Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 0QQ

Fire & Emergency Procedure

The Site Induction will cover the fire & emergency procedure for the site. The Anglian Water Services Limited team accompanying attendees will direct the group to the appropriate area should an incident occur.

Toilet facilities will be available in Milton House for attendees to use during the ASI.