

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Comments on the Applicants responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions (ExQ1)

Application by Anglian Water Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project (CWWTPR) (ref: WW010003)

Deadline 2

6 December 2023



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This document sets out the comments on responses to the Examining Authority's (ExA) First Written Questions (ExQ1) by South Cambridgeshire District Council ('**SCDC**'). In the time available the Council consider that the ExA would be best assisted by focussing on the Applicant's (Anglian Water Services Limited) submissions [**doc ref. REP1-079**]. The table sets out the topic, question number and the Councils' comments on that respondent's response.

Except where expressly stated otherwise below, the Councils reiterate and relies on their comments submitted to the ExA at Deadline 1 and within the South Cambridgeshire District Council's Local Impact Report (LIR) [**doc ref. REP1-139**].

Anglian Water [Applicant] – [REP1-079]

Topic	Question No.	Comment
1. General and Cross Topic		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comment at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
2. Principle (including policy and legislative context, need and alternatives)	2.8	The Council would draw the attention of the ExA to their response to ExQ1 question 2.8 at Deadline 1 [doc ref. REP1-079]. The key policies for determining any planning application that would result in the loss of the existing WWTP in the absence of a replacement facility, are contained in the Minerals and Waste Local Plan. The Council reserves the right to provide further comment on this matter at a later date.
3. Agricultural land and soils		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comment at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.

4. Air quality		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comment at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
5. Biodiversity	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.20, 5.42, 5.52, 5.55	The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comment after Deadline 2 should further clarification be required.
	5.10	The Council is continuing to engage with Anglian Water through Technical Working Groups to address outstanding matters as detailed in Table 2-8 [AS-026]. The Councils reserve the right to provide further comment at a later date as matters progress.
	5.11	The Council is continuing to engage with Anglian Water through Technical Working Groups to address outstanding matters which include discussions on the Landscape, Ecological, Recreation Management Plan (LERMP). The Councils reserve the right to provide further comment on this matter at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
6. Carbon emissions and climate change mitigation and adaptation		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
7. Community		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
8. Compulsory Acquisition (CA) and Temporary Possession (TP)		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
9. Design		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.

10. Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
11. Green Belt		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
12. Health	12.6	<p>The Council notes the response from the Applicant on the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller population.</p> <p>The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comment at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.</p>
13. Historic Environment	13.2	The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
14. Landscape and Visual	14.3	The Council notes the response from the Applicant on a requirement for a Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (RVAA). The Council considers that the RVAA is not particularly relevant for this development and therefore is not suitable. The Councils reserve the right to provide further comment on this matter at a later date should further issues arise.
	14.6	<p>The Council notes the Applicant's response to the concerns about tree planting on the proposed bund and acknowledges the LERMP's methodology for establishing the trees and shrubs atop the bunds. It is also noted that further detail would be submitted as part of the detailed design phase.</p> <p>The Council's concern is in relation to the long-term success of the proposals and how climate change will affect trees and shrubs, particularly those planted on bunds. Although the LERMP covers a 5-year establishment period what happens beyond that period</p>

		remains an unknown. The Councils reserve the right to provide further comment on this matter at a later date.
15. Land quality		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
16. Major accidents and disasters		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
17. Material resources and waste		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
18. Noise and vibration		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
19. Odour		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
20. Traffic and transport		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.
21. Water resources		The Council has no further comments to make at this stage but reserve the right to provide further comments at a later date should matters referred to in this section change or be updated.