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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This document provides Anglian Water Services Limited (the Applicant) comments on other Interested Parties responses to ExQ1 submitted at Deadline 1 for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project (CWWTPRP).
- 1.1.2 The Applicant is aware that it has already set out its view on many relevant and important issues in response to questions from the Examining Authority, participation at hearings and submission of other documents etc. Therefore, the Applicant considers that there would be little benefit in this document in setting out at length matters which it has already addressed elsewhere. However, where there are matters raised in some of the responses to ExQ1 that the Applicant does wish to respond to, it has done so in the tables that follow.
- 1.1.3 Each section of the tables that follow in this document responds to a specific Interested Party's written question responses, responding at a high level to the matters raised that the Applicant considers is not covered elsewhere.
- 1.1.4 The submission from Sphere 25 on behalf of Sky Telecommunications Services Limited and Gonville & Caius, also includes some Written Representations so the Applicant has responded to those in Document Reference 8.13: Applicant's Responses to Written Representations.

## 2 Applicant's Comments on Responses to ExQ1

**Table 2-1: Environment Agency**

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
2.20	Need NEP	The Applicant refers to its response to ExQ1 21.5, which confirms that neither the current Cambridge WRC nor the Proposed Development form part of the current WINEP list. The proposed permit requirements for the Proposed Development aim to meet the ambitions and objectives of the WINEP programme.
5.14	Comments on updated information submitted by the Applicant	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
5.34	Otter habitat	The Applicant notes within Section 5.2 of ES Appendix 8.9 Otter Baseline Technical Appendix (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.9) [APP-094] that WB001, WB012 and WB020 were subject to survey, albeit with access possible for WB001 across four survey visits; WB012 for two and WB020 for two. Figure 8.74 within the ES Book of Figures (App Doc Ref 5.3.8) [AS-050] illustrates the location of these waterbodies. WB001 includes ditch habitat that falls outside of the Scheme Order Limits, with a portion running parallel to the River Cam (within Works No. 39). The habitat within the Scheme Order Limits is not suitable to support resting otter. WB012 and WB020 run parallel to the A14. These habitats will be retained though disturbed, but will be subject to pre-commencement checks, as outlined in sections 7.2.42 to 7.2.46 of the CoCP Part A (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1) [REP1-025]. An Ecological Clerk of Works will be engaged with their role to undertake such checks outlined within the Outline Outfall Management and Monitoring Plan (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.24) [AS-073], which has been updated and provided at Deadline 2.
5.38	Review of ES Chapter 8 Appendices	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
5.46	Computer modelling of storm discharges and normal river flow	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response, which notes that ES Appendix 20.6 3D Velocity Mixing Model (App Doc Ref 5.4.20.6) [AS-114] concludes that there is no cause for concern that the new outfall would lead to erosion in the river. The Environment Agency state in their response to ExQ1 5.46 that the further CFD modelling could be secured through a DCO Requirement.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
		The Applicant does not consider that a DCO Requirement for further CFD modelling is required given that the 3D Velocity Mixing Model report does not indicate increased erosion. Requirement 13 of the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [REP1-003] already secures the detailed design and its approval by the relevant planning authority.
5.47	Control of effluent load and water quality	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
5.59	Impact of Wicken Fen Ramsar / Fenland SAC	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
15.2	Consents, permits and licences	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
15.3	NPSWW	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
15.5	Monitoring	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
15.6	Licences, permits and decommissioning	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
15.9	Review of Appendix 20.8	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
15.13	Review of additional information provided by the Applicant	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
19.22	Localised odours	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response and confirms that a BAT assessment and Odour Management Plan (OMP) will be submitted as part of the permit application pack, and the OMP will form part of the management of the Sludge Treatment Centre (in accordance with an environmental permit, once granted).
21.5	WINEP guidance	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.

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		<p>We confirm that the site will be constructed to accommodate a future phosphate limit tighter than the current TAL, should this be required in future. However, this tighter than 0.25mg/l TAL phosphate limit compliance was not included in the discharge permit application currently being considered by the Environment Agency.</p> <p>We use this response to highlight that this longer-term focus, hinging on increased flexibility around the need to address future environmental challenges to achieve wider environmental outcomes, does align with the WINEP guidance. It provides insight that the Proposed WWTP was influenced to provide a resilient, adaptable solution that is able to allow us to manage future uncertainties.</p> <p>WINEP guidance promotes nature-based solutions. We can confirm that this was considered during the very early stages of the project, but due to the scale and complexity of the treatment requirement, a purely nature-based solution is not possible for CWWTRP.</p>
21.8	Mitigation	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
21.9	Assessment	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
21.10	Monitoring and mitigation	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
21.12	Review of hydraulic modelling	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response and confirms that hydraulic modelling is currently being updated following provision of the new River Cam model. The FRA will be revised to reflect the outputs of the revised modelling.
21.16	Review of ConSim models	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
21.36	Benefits	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
21.40	Assessment clarification	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response. As indicated by the Environment Agency's response, the statement relates to subsequent questions in RR-13. The Applicant has responded to the subsequent RR-013 questions under the reference "Groundwater Protection and Contamination" in Table 3.17 of the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations (App Doc Ref 8.2) [REP1-078].

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
21.41	Water supply	The Applicant confirms that the domestic/sanitary water use between the existing and proposed WWTP will be similar. The new offices at the proposed WWTP will be more water efficient so will have no increase or likely a decrease in domestic demand.
21.42	Water Framework Directive	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
21.43	Monitoring	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
21.47	Flood Risk	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response.
21.55	Water supply	The Applicant thanks the Environment Agency for their response. The implications of the present Water Supply issue on this Application are considered in the responses provided to ExQ1-21.58 (see, for example, <b>REP1-079</b> , <b>REP1-129</b> and <b>REP1-140</b> ). The Applicant notes that the Environment Agency is one of the parties in the Water Scarcity Working Group who have been tasked with finding a suitable resolution to the Water Supply issue.
21.59	Review of additional information	The Applicant acknowledges the Environment Agency's response, and the Applicant confirms that applications for any water abstraction, impoundment and dewatering licences will be discussed with the Environment Agency at the earliest opportunity.



**Table 2-2: Natural England**

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
4.9	Mitigation and requirements	The Applicant thanks Natural England for their response.
5.14	Comments on updated information submitted by the Applicant	<p>The Applicant accepts the comments on Outline Outfall Management and Monitoring Plan (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.24), and these have been addressed in the version provided at Deadline 2.</p> <p>The purpose of the Draft CEMP (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.7) [REP1-056] is to show how the document will be structured and is provided as a template to be populated with the commitments provided in the Code of Construction Practice Parts A &amp; B. The Applicant can confirm as set out in the Biodiversity section of the Code of Construction Practice Parts A &amp; B lighting used during the construction phase will be bat sensitive lighting and will accord with the recently published strategy requirements. Soil requirements will predominantly set out in the Soil Management Plan in order to prevent duplication however the Land Quality section of the CEMPs will include any soil measures not stipulated in the Soil Management Plan (secured through Requirement 9 of the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [REP1-003]).</p> <p>With regard to C58 of the Commitments Register (App Doc Ref 7.10) [AS-125] it linked to the commitment to hold an Advisory Group which the Applicant anticipates Natural England being a key member of and is the platform for the final development and sign off of the Landscape Master (LERMP, App Doc Ref 5.4.8.14) [AS-066]. However, as C58 relates to a commitment to explore opportunities outside of the DCO the Applicant believes this commitment should be secured through its corporate commitments to work with Stakeholders to enhance and conserve habitats in the region (Further details are provided in the Applicants response to ExQ1 5.13 which addresses Natural England's request for further opportunities and partnerships). Therefore, as this commitment relates to a corporate commitment outside the scope of the DCO it has been removed from the Commitments Register.</p>
5.15	Protected species licence applications	The Applicant thanks Natural England for considering the draft protected species licence applications and issuing the Letters of No Impediment.
5.21	Introduction of reed bed system	The Applicant refers to its Responses to Relevant Representations (App Doc Ref 8.2) [REP1-078], which confirms that integration of a reed bed was not considered suitable given its would mean permanent changes to the existing PRoW and existing ditch. Furthermore, the sizing of a reedbed to offer meaningful energy dissipation and water treatment function would be in the order of 90 ha. Details of this engagement is recorded in the Statement of Common Ground.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
		In response to Natural England's additional comments on this matter, while the Applicant is not proposing reed bed habitat within the River Cam, an updated ES Appendix 8.13 Biodiversity Net Gain Report (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.13) [AS-163] has been provided at Deadline 2 to account for the loss of reedbed habitat and the proposals for compensation to avoid trading down, by the creation of reedbed habitat within Work No. 39 (Works Plan Sheet 2 of the Work Plans (App Doc Ref 4.3) [AS-150]) in conjunction with the proposed new wet ditches.
5.34	Otter habitat	The Applicant thanks Natural England for their confirmation of the Applicant's view that there is limited suitable terrestrial habitat for otter around the proposed outfall to the River Cam as no suitable holt features have been found in this area during surveys.
5.38	Mitigation	BNG for the proposed outfall onto the River Cam is secured through Requirement 10(6)(e) of the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [REP1-003], which states that the detailed Outfall Management and Monitoring Plan submitted for approval must include proposals for the provision and maintenance of 20% BNG comprising river units. Construction of the outfall is not programmed to happen in year 1 of construction, hence the reference to the flood risk activities permit being submitted in year 2 of construction.
5.39	Effects on habitats	The Applicant acknowledges Natural England's response and confirms that further discussions will be held over the reedbed habitat and BNG units.
5.60	HRA	The Applicant refers to its response to ExQ1 5.60. The HRA Screening Report (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.15) has been updated to reflect that Eversden and Wimpole Woods SAC is screened in and will be taken through to the Appropriate Assessment stage within ES Appendix 8.16 Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.16). These updated documents have been provided at Deadline 2.
5.62	HRA	The Applicant thanks Natural England for their response. As described in responses to ExQ1 5.60, the Applicant has amended the HRA Screening Report (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.15) to reflect that Eversden and Wimpole Woods SAC is screened in and will be taken through to the Appropriate Assessment stage within ES Appendix 8.16 Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.16). These updated documents have been provided at Deadline 2.
7.29	Monitoring of recreational pressure	The Applicant has responded to similar comments raised in Natural England's Relevant Representation [RR-015] in the Applicant's Responses to the Relevant Representations (App Doc Ref 8.2) [REP1-078].

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21.5	WINEP Guidance	The Applicant thanks Natural England for their response, which concurs with the Applicant's response to ExQ1 21.5.
21.11	Update following meeting	The Applicant confirms that a Draft Outline Water Quality Monitoring Plan was submitted at Deadline 1. Since that submission, the Environment Agency have confirmed that they are satisfied with the proposals within this. The Applicant has therefore submitted the Outline Water Quality Monitoring Plan at Deadline 2 and looks forward to Natural England comments on this document.
21.55	Water supply	The Applicant thanks Natural England for their response. The implications of the present Water Supply issue on this Application are considered in the responses provided to ExQ1-21.58 (see, for example, <b>REP1-079</b> , <b>REP1-129</b> and <b>REP1-140</b> ). The Applicant notes that the Environment Agency is one of the parties in the Water Scarcity Working Group who have been tasked with finding a suitable resolution to the Water Supply issue.
21.59	Review of additional information	The Applicant acknowledges Natural England's response and refers the ExA to the response to ExQ1 5.14 above.

**Table 2-3: National Trust**

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
5.13	Impacts from recreational pressure	The Applicant has responded to similar comments raised in Natural England's Relevant Representation [RR-015] in the Applicant's Responses to the Relevant Representations (App Doc Ref 8.2) [REP1-078].
5.14	Comments on updated information submitted by the Applicant	<p>The Applicant notes the National Trusts summary of the draft CEMP and can confirm that its understanding of why the document was provided is correct.</p> <p>With regard to the Commitments Register (App Doc Ref 7.10) [AS-125] the Applicant has provided a response this in Table 2-2, Reference 5.14, above. In addition to that response the Applicant would like to raise that a meeting with stakeholders to discuss partnership opportunities within Anglian Waters region was undertaken in the week commencing the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 with subsequent future meetings being arranged to carry on these discussions.</p> <p>With regard to the National Trusts comments on the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.23)[AS-072]. The National Trust attended a meeting held in the week commencing the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 with Anglian Waters Environmental &amp; Biodiversity Team and members of the Applicants project team to discuss opportunities for collaboration on projects within Anglian Waters region. This included the Proposed Development and future opportunities outside of the scope of this project. As the National Trust's requests relate to opportunities outside of the scope of the project these should continue to be developed through the wider organisations corporate commitment to partnership and not included in the DCO. The Applicant would like to give confidence that this corporate commitment has already been implemented with discussions on such topics already being had with Anglian Water.</p>

**Table 2-4: Cambridgeshire County Council**

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
1.14	Other Projects and Proposals	As indicated in the Applicant's response to EXQ1 1.13 ( <b>REP1-079</b> ), an updated Environmental Statement Chapter 22 Cumulative Effects Assessment (App Doc Ref 5.2.22) is being provided at Deadline 2 which includes an updated long list of developments. This long list includes reference to the Greenway proposals. The Applicant also confirms that the Horningsea Greenway has been considered in the development of proposals for Horningsea Road, and that the Greenway proposals have also been part of the ongoing discussions with GCSP. These are reflected in the consultation section now incorporated into ES Chapter 22.
2.2	National Policy	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
2.8	The Development Plan	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
2.9	Minerals and Waste Plan	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
2.13	Emerging Local Plan and draft NECAAP	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
2.27	Site Selection	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
4.4	HDV movements clarification	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
4.5	Air Quality comments	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their recommendations regarding EURO VI, the Applicant will explore the suggestion and review it against the wider organisations fleet and procurement commitments.
5.13	Impacts from recreational pressure on Stow-cum-Quy Fen SSSI	The Applicant has responded to similar comments raised in Natural England's Relevant Representation [ <b>RR-015</b> ] in the Applicant's Responses to the Relevant Representations (App Doc Ref 8.2) [ <b>REP1-078</b> ].

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
5.14	Commons on updated information submitted by the Applicant	<p>The purpose of the Draft CEMP (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.7)[<b>AS-057</b>] is to show how the document will be structured and is provided as a template to be populated with the commitments provided in the Code of Construction Practice Parts A &amp; B (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1 &amp; 5.4.2.2)[<b>REP1-025 &amp; REP1-027</b>]. The Table 4-13 entry is provided as an example of how the measures will be set out. The CEMPs will be developed in collaboration with the Councils and the Applicant will continue to work with the Councils through the Technical Working Groups to ensure any concerns regarding the biodiversity mitigation for construction is addressed and covered within the CEMPs approved through the discharge of requirements.</p> <p>The Code of Construction Practice Part B (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.2) [<b>REP1-027</b>] focuses on outlining the commitments which will be developed into the CEMP for the phase of works that includes the outfall and avoids duplicating measures included/to be included in other management plans. This why the measures relating to the habitats and BNG are not covered as they are within the scope of the Outfall Management and Monitoring Plan. With regards to the BNG, as noted below, the Applicant is seeking to make amendments at Deadline 3 which will further clarify the point on developing and securing a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Plan.</p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges the comments about how BNG is secured in the draft DCO. The Applicant is looking to update the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [<b>REP1-003</b>] to provide further clarity on BNG delivery and this will be provided at Deadline 3.</p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges the reference to the updated ILP and Bat Conservation Trust Guidance Note 08/23 Bats and Artificial Lighting in the UK, Bats and the Built Environment series (Bat Conservation Trust &amp; ILP, 2023). This guidance was released after the environmental assessments had been finalised for submission to PINS. The Applicant notes that construction and operational lighting details are secured by Requirements 14 and 7 respectively of the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [<b>REP1-003</b>].</p> <p>The Applicant confirms that this discrepancy has been updated in ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity (App Doc Ref 5.2.8) submitted at Deadline 2. This does not alter the conclusions as ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity (App Doc Ref 5.2.8) was based on the outputs of ES Appendix 15.3 Lighting Assessment Report (App Doc Ref 5.4.15.3) [<b>AS-100</b>]. The original text in ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (App Doc Ref 5.2.8) [<b>AS-026</b>] was an error.</p>
5.16	Impact on protected species	<p>The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for its confirmation that it is satisfied with the proposed update to the water vole licence (which has been approved by the Environment Agency) and the draft Outfall Management and Monitoring Plan addresses previous concerns regarding water vole mitigation.</p>

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
		Regarding impacts to foraging/commuting bats, the Applicant refers to its response to ExQ1 5.8.
5.21	Introduction of reed bed system	The Applicant refers to its Responses to Relevant Representations (App Doc Ref 8.2) [REP1-078], which confirms that integration of a reed bed was not considered suitable given its would mean permanent changes to the existing PRow and existing ditch. Furthermore the sizing of a reedbed to offer meaningful energy dissipation and water treatment function would be in the order of 90 ha. Details of this engagement is recorded in the Statement of Common Ground.
5.39	Effects on habitats	<p>The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for its confirmation that it agrees the scheme will deliver a moderate benefit for terrestrial habitats as demonstrated by the delivery of 20% BNG for area based and linear habitats.</p> <p>The Applicant refers to its responses on veteran trees in ExQ1 5.51 and 14.11, which confirm that veteran trees will not be impacted by the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Applicant confirms that 10% BNG for the proposed outfall onto the River Cam is secured through Requirement 10(6)(e) of the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [REP1-003], which states that the detailed Outfall Management and Monitoring Plan submitted for approval must include proposals for the provision and maintenance of any BNG comprising river units.</p> <p>The Applicant refers to its response to ExQ1 5.20 where it confirms clarification will be provided in an updated ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (App Doc Ref 5.2.8) [AS-026] to reflect that the impacts on the River Cam CWS, including scour, are considered to be not significant. This update has been provided at Deadline 2.</p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges the comments about how BNG is secured in the draft DCO. The Applicant is looking to update the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [REP1-003] to provide further clarity on BNG delivery and this will be provided at Deadline 3.</p>
5.41	Protection of reptile species	The Applicant outlines in the CoCP Part A (paragraphs 7.2.47-7.2.50) that a Reptile Mitigation Strategy will be prepared by the contractor prior to works commencing, and this strategy will be agreed by the local authority

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		ecologist. The CoCP Part A does not provide detail on possible mechanisms to avoid potential double-handling of animals during translocations, with this detail to be provided as part of the agreed Reptile Mitigation Strategy.
6.5	Clarification of information	<p>The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their comments on ES Appendix 10.1 GHG Calculations (App Doc Ref 5.4.10.1) [APP-109]. The Applicant offers the following responses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Outline Carbon Management Plan (App Doc Ref 5.4.10.2) [AS-076] states an updated solar array of ~5.6MWp capacity. ES Appendix 10.1 GHG Calculations (App Doc Ref 5.4.10.1) [APP-109] will be updated to align with this and will be provided at Deadline 3.</li> <li>- As stated in paragraph 2.3.1, 2.4.1, and 2.5.1 of ES Appendix 10.1 GHG Calculations (App Doc Ref 5.4.10.1) [APP-109], the operational phase assessment includes annual emissions from year 1 of operation (assumed to be 2028). This applies for the whole of section 2.3 (Operational Carbon – Baseline DM0), 2.4 (Operational Carbon – Biomethane production), and 2.5 (Operational Carbon – comparison of DM0 and DCO models). Section 2.7 presents the full lifetime assessment and Table 2-15 shows the electricity emissions factors used. Table titles in ES Appendix 10.1 GHG Calculations (App Doc Ref 5.4.10.1) [APP-109] will be updated to clarify that emissions are only for Year 1 and will be provided at Deadline 3.</li> <li>- Tables 2-8 and 2-10 in ES Appendix 10.1 GHG Calculations (App Doc Ref 5.4.10.1) [APP-109] will be amended to show total kWh and will be provided at Deadline 3.</li> <li>- Table 2-16 ES Appendix 10.1 GHG Calculations (App Doc Ref 5.4.10.1) [APP-109] will be corrected to remove reference to annual emissions and will be provided at Deadline 3.</li> </ul>
6.11	Baseline carbon emissions	The Applicant refers to its response to ExQ1 6.12.
6.44	Carbon Management Plan	The Council have referred to their LIR, to which the Applicant has responded.
13.1	Historic Environment Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
13.17	Archaeology	The Applicant notes the comments on the outline Archaeological Investigation Mitigations Strategy. The Applicant shall update the wording of Requirement 13 of the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [REP1-003] to clarify how this is secured and will operate during the mitigation phase.



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14.1	Landscape and Visual Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant has provided further comment on this matter in its response to Cambridgeshire County Council's LIR.
14.2	Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant has provided further comment on this matter in its response to Cambridgeshire County Council's LIR.
15.5	Monitoring	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
15.10	Mineral Safeguarding Areas	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant has provided further comment on this matter in its response to Cambridgeshire County Council's LIR.
15.13	Review of additional information provided by the Applicant	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
16.6	Planning policy	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
16.9	Construction phase vehicle movements including ALLs	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
17.3	Policy – Minerals and Waste Local Plan	The Applicant refers to its response to ExQ1 17.3 ( <b>REP1-079</b> ).
17.5	Policy - NPSWW	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
17.8	Policy – adopted and emerging	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response, and the Applicant confirms that, in respect of Policy 26, importation of inert material is not proposed for the Proposed Development.
18.17	Working hours	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.

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18.21	Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
18.30	Further assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
18.31	Review of additional information submitted	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
19.5	Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
19.7	Data	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
19.13	Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
19.15	Mitigation	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.4	TA	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.13	Policy – local	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.14	Policy – local	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.15	Guidance – WebTAG	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.16	Guidance CCoC's Transport Assessment Guidance	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.17	Strategy documents	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.

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20.19	Safety – AILs	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.23	Choice of vehicular access	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.26	Access to public transport	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.31	Cycling and walking – robustness of evidence	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.38	Construction traffic routes – safety	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.39	Construction traffic – alternatives	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.48	Trip generation – construction phase assumptions	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.49	Trip generation – construction phase assumptions	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.50	Trip generation – workforce movements	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
20.53	Junction modelling – short term exceptional movements	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.54	Junction modelling - traffic from multiple work sites	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.56	Construction phase – cumulative impacts	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.57	Assessment of impacts – construction phase	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.59	Construction Workers Travel Plan	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.60	Construction Workers Travel Plan	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.67	Mitigation – CTMP	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.77	Junction modelling – commitments	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.79	Operational traffic –	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
	assessment of effects	
20.80	Operational traffic – acceptability of impacts	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.83	Assessment of impacts – operational phase	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.85	Operational traffic – mitigation – J34	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.90	Mitigation measures	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.92	Approval – agreement of traffic management works	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.93	Electric vehicle charging	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.94	Requirement 12 – OWTP	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.95	Highway network / roads – existing	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
21.10	Monitoring and mitigation	<p>The Applicant's response to ExQ1 21.43 details the reasons why monitoring of Wilbraham Fen is not recommended. Monitoring of Wilbraham Fen was further discussed with the Environment Agency on 24 October 2023 as part of the discussion about the Outline Water Quality Management Plan (App Doc Ref 5.4.20.13). The Outline Water Quality Management Plan sets out why no new monitoring borehole is proposed at this location. The reasons can be summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The estimated maximum impact of dewatering at Wilbraham Fens SSSI, during construction of the Terminal Pumping Station within the proposed WWTP, is less than 1mm. However, Wilbraham Fens SSSI is located on the opposite bank of Quy Water to the proposed WWTP. As a result, any impact of dewatering abstraction may well be assimilated in minor temporary changes to flow in Quy Water, rather than extending further out into the West Melbury Marly Chalk Formation beneath the SSSI.</li> <li>• Groundwater levels have been monitored previously in Wilbraham Fens at TL55_177, located near the western boundary of the SSSI (Hydrology Data Explorer - Station). Despite anomalies in the groundwater level records, the data for TL55_177 indicates a general overall variation of 0.5m or more in groundwater levels in each year. As a result of this regular annual variation, any impact on groundwater levels of 1mm would be undetectable at the distance of Wilbraham Fens from the proposed WWTP (&gt;2km).</li> </ul> <p>It is further noted that the Environment Agency responses to ExQ1 21.10 and ExQ1 21.43 agree that monitoring of Wilbraham Fen is not required as dewatering impacts at this location would be negligible.</p> <p>With respect to the additional points raised by CCoC relating to the CoCP, water monitoring programme and SSSIs/CWS, the Applicant directs CCoC to the Applicant's response to ExQ1 21.25.</p>
21.20	Capacity	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
21.47	Flood risk	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.
21.48	NPSWW	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response, which concurs with the Applicant's response to ExQ1 21.48.
21.58	NPSWW	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
21.59	Review of additional information	The Applicant thanks Cambridgeshire County Council for their response.

**Table 2-5: South Cambridgeshire District Council**

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
1.13 - 1.14	Planning Applications and Other Projects and Proposals	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response. As indicated in the Applicant's response to EXQ1 1.13 ( <b>REP1-079</b> ), an updated Environmental Statement Chapter 22 Cumulative Effects Assessment (App Doc Ref 5.2.22) is being provided at Deadline 2 which includes an updated long list of developments.
2.1	National Policy	As set out at section 3.7 of the Planning Statement (App Doc Ref 7.5 [ <b>REP1-049</b> ]) and the Applicant's response to ExQ1 – 2.1 (App Doc Ref 8.3) [ <b>REP1-079</b> ], the Applicant does not consider that the NPSWRI is relevant to waste water treatment and this particular application.
2.2	National Policy	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
2.3	Effect of NPSWW	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
2.11	Emerging Local Plan and NECAAP	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
2.13	Emerging Local Plan and draft NECAAP	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response. The Applicant has provided further comment on this matter in its response to South Cambridgeshire District Council's LIR.
2.15	Housing Benefits - Weight	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response. The Applicant has provided further comment on this matter in its response to South Cambridgeshire District Council's LIR.
2.30	Housing Delivery - certainty	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
2.32	Housing Development	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
2.35	Proposed Development	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
4.3	Policy	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
4.6	Air Quality Statutory Limits	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.



Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
4.8	Policy compliance and mitigation	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
5.10	Clarification of information regarding SCDC's RR	The Applicant has provided an updated ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (App Doc Ref 5.2.8) at Deadline 2, which includes an updated Table 2-8 to provide a justification as to the temporary increase in ambient light levels during construction.
5.13	Impacts from recreational pressure on Stow-cum-Quy Fen SSSI	The Applicant has responded to similar comments raised in Natural England's Relevant Representation [RR-015] in the Applicant's Responses to the Relevant Representations (App Doc Ref 8.2) [REP1-078].
5.14	Comments on updated information submitted by the Applicant	<p>The purpose of the Draft CEMP (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.7)[AS-057] is to show how the document will be structured and is provided as a template to be populated with the commitments provided in the Code of Construction Practice Parts A &amp; B (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.1 &amp; 5.4.2.2)[REP1-025 &amp; REP1-027]. The Table 4-13 entry is provided as an example of how the measures will be set out. The CEMPs will be developed in collaboration with the Councils and the Applicant will continue to work with the Councils through the Technical Working Groups to ensure any concerns regarding the biodiversity mitigation for construction is addressed and covered within the CEMPs approved through the discharge of requirements.</p> <p>The Code of Construction Practice Part B (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.2) [REP1-027] focuses on outlining the commitments which will be developed into the CEMP for the phase of works that includes the outfall and avoids duplicating measures included/to be included in other management plans. This why the measures relating to the habitats and BNG are not covered as they are within the scope of the Outfall Management and Monitoring Plan. With regards to the BNG, as noted below, the Applicant is seeking to make amendments at Deadline 3 which will further clarify the point on developing and securing a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Plan.</p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges the comments about how BNG is secured in the draft DCO. The Applicant is looking to update the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [REP1-003] to provide further clarity on BNG delivery and this will be provided at Deadline 3.</p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges the reference to the updated ILP and Bat Conservation Trust Guidance Note 08/23 Bats and Artificial Lighting in the UK, Bats and the Built Environment series (Bat Conservation Trust &amp; ILP, 2023).</p>

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
		<p>This guidance was released after the environmental assessments had been finalised for submission to PINS. The Applicant notes that construction and operational lighting details are secured by Requirements 14 and 7 respectively of the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [REP1-003].</p> <p>The Applicant confirms that this discrepancy has been updated in ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity (App Doc Ref 5.2.8) submitted at Deadline 2. This does not alter the conclusions as ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity (App Doc Ref 5.2.8) was based on the outputs of ES Appendix 15.3 Lighting Assessment Report (App Doc Ref 5.4.15.3) [AS-100]. The original text in ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (App Doc Ref 5.2.8) [AS-026] was an error.</p>
5.21	Introduction of reed bed system at the proposed outfall	The Applicant refers to its Responses to Relevant Representations (App Doc Ref 8.2) [REP1-078], which confirms that integration of a reed bed was not considered suitable given its would mean permanent changes to the existing PRoW and existing ditch. Furthermore the sizing of a reedbed to offer meaningful energy dissipation and water treatment function would be in the order of 90 ha. Details of this engagement is recorded in the Statement of Common Ground.
5.36	Review of ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity appendices	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
5.39	Effects - habitats	<p>The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for its confirmation that it agrees the scheme will deliver a moderate benefit for terrestrial habitats as demonstrated by the delivery of 20% BNG for area based and linear habitats.</p> <p>The Applicant refers to its responses on veteran trees in ExQ1 5.51 and 14.11, which confirm that veteran trees will not be impacted by the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Applicant confirms that 10% BNG for the proposed outfall onto the River Cam is secured through Requirement 10(6)(e) of the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [REP1-003], which states that the detailed Outfall Management and Monitoring Plan submitted for approval must include proposals for the provision and maintenance of any BNG comprising river units.</p>

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
		<p>The Applicant refers to its response to ExQ1 5.20 where it confirms clarification will be provided in an updated ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity (App Doc Ref 5.2.8) [AS-026] to reflect that the impacts on the River Cam CWS, including scour, are considered to be not significant. This update has been provided at Deadline 2.</p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges the comments about how BNG is secured in the draft DCO. The Applicant is looking to update the draft DCO (App Doc Ref 2.1) [REP1-003] to provide further clarity on BNG delivery and this will be provided at Deadline 3.</p>
5.41	Protection of reptile species	The Applicant outlines in the CoCP Part A (paragraphs 7.2.47-7.2.50) that a Reptile Mitigation Strategy will be prepared by the contractor prior to works commencing, and this strategy will be agreed by the local authority ecologist. The CoCP Part A does not provide detail on possible mechanisms to avoid potential double-handling of animals during translocations, with this detail to be provided as part of the agreed Reptile Mitigation Strategy.
6.4	South Cambridgeshire Local Plan	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
6.11	Baseline carbon emissions	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
6.44	Carbon Management Plan	The Council have referred to their LIR, to which the Applicant has responded.
10.3	General	The Applicant refers to South Cambridgeshire District Council's response to ExQ1 15.5, which indicates that they believe there is minimal risk of mobilising contamination during decommissioning. The Applicant agrees with this position.
10.12	Questions / comments relating to Requirements	The Applicant notes the councils response regarding how it will work to discharge requirements where crossover occurs. The Applicant will continue to work in a collaborative manner with all involved.
10.20	Questions / comments relating to Requirements	The Applicant refers to South Cambridgeshire District Council's response to ExQ1 15.5, which indicates that they believe there is minimal risk of mobilising contamination during decommissioning. The Applicant agrees with this position.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
10.26	Questions / comments relating to Schedules (Sch)	The Applicant acknowledges the council decision to defer to Cambridge County Council.
11.6	Green Belt Existing WWTP	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
13.1	Assessment	The Applicant notes that South Cambridgeshire District Council does not agree with some specific assessments within ES Chapter 13: Historic Environment (App Doc Ref 5.2.13) [AS-030]. These will be responded to in the Applicants response to the SCDC LIR ( <b>REP1-139</b> ).
13.17	Archaeology	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
14.1	Assessment	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
14.2	Assessment	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
15.5	Monitoring	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
15.10	Mineral Safeguarding Areas	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
15.13	Review of additional information provided by the Applicant	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
16.6	Planning policy	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their confirmation and can confirm the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan (2022) is referenced in Chapter 21 (App Doc Ref 5.2.21).
17.5	Policy – NPSWW	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
17.8	Policy – adopted and emerging Local Plan and SPDs	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
17.14	Environmental Statement – scope	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response, but wishes to clarify that demolition of the Waterbeach WRC would be completed by the relevant developer and not by the Applicant as stated in the response.
17.18	Proposed WWTP – use of resources	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response.
18.17	Working hours	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
18.21	Assessment	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
18.30	Further assessment	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
18.31	Review of additional information submitted by the Applicant	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
19.5	Assessment	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
19.7	Data	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
19.13	Assessment	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
19.15	Mitigation	The Applicant thanks South Cambridgeshire District Council for their response.
20.12	Policy – local	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.13	Policy – Local	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.14	Policy – Local	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
20.17	Strategy documents – relevance to decision	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.39	Construction traffic – alternatives	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.56	Construction phase – cumulative impacts	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.59	Construction Workers Travel Plan	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.60	Construction Workers Travel Plan	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.67	Mitigation – CTMP	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.85	Operational traffic – mitigation – J34	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.90	Mitigation measures	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.93	Electric vehicle charging	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.94	Requirement 12 – OWTP	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
21.20	Capacity	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response.
21.48	NPSWW	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response.
21.58	NPSWW	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response.
21.59	Review of additional information	The Applicant acknowledges South Cambridgeshire District Council's response.

**Table 2-6: Cambridge City Council**

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
1.13 - 1.14	Planning Applications and Other Projects and Proposals	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response. As indicated in the Applicant's response to EXQ1 1.13 ( <b>REP1-079</b> ), an updated Environmental Statement Chapter 22 Cumulative Effects Assessment (App Doc Ref 5.2.22) is being provided at Deadline 2 which includes an updated long list of developments.
2.1	National Policy	As set out at section 3.7 of the Planning Statement (App Doc Ref 7.5 [ <b>REP1-049</b> ]) and the Applicant's response to ExQ1 – 2.1 (App Doc Ref 8.3) [ <b>REP1-079</b> ], the Applicant does not consider that the NPSWRI is relevant to waste water treatment and this particular application.
2.2	National Policy	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
2.3	Effect of NPSWW	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
2.11	Emerging Local Plan and NECAAP	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
2.13	Emerging Local Plan and draft NECAAP	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response. The Applicant has provided further comment on this matter in its response to South Cambridgeshire District Council's LIR.
2.15	Housing Benefits - Weight	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response. The Applicant has provided further comment on this matter in its response to South Cambridgeshire District Council's LIR.
2.30	Housing Delivery - certainty	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
2.32	Housing Development	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
2.35	Proposed Development	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
4.3	Policy	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.



Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
4.6	Air Quality Statutory Limits	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
4.8	Policy compliance and mitigation	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
5.9	Question Cambridge Local Plan 2018	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
5.13	Impacts from recreational pressure on Stow-cum-Quy Fen SSSI	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
5.14	Comments on updated information submitted by the Applicant.	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
5.21	Introduction of reed bed system at the proposed outfall	The Applicant refers to its Responses to Relevant Representations (App Doc Ref 8.2) [REP1-078], which confirms that integration of a reed bed was not considered suitable given its would mean permanent changes to the existing PRoW and existing ditch. Furthermore the sizing of a reedbed to offer meaningful energy dissipation and water treatment function would be in the order of 90 ha. Details of this engagement is recorded in the Statement of Common Ground.
5.36	Review of ES Chapter 8 Biodiversity appendices	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
5.39	Effects - habitats	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
5.41	Protection of reptile species	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
6.11	Baseline carbon emissions	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
6.44	Carbon Management Plan	The Council have referred to their LIR, to which the Applicant has responded.
7.35	Employment	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
7.38	Community Liaison Plan	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
7.39	Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA)	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
10.3	General	The Applicant refers to South Cambridgeshire District Council's response to ExQ1 15.5, which indicates that they believe there is minimal risk of mobilising contamination during decommissioning. The Applicant agrees with this position.
10.12	Questions / comments relating to Requirements	The Applicant notes the councils response regarding how it will work to discharge requirements where crossover occurs. The Applicant will continue to work in a collaborative manner with all involved.
10.20	Questions / comments relating to Requirements	The Applicant refers to South Cambridgeshire District Council's response to ExQ1 15.5, which indicates that they believe there is minimal risk of mobilising contamination during decommissioning. The Applicant agrees with this position.
10.26	Questions / comments relating to Schedules (Sch)	The Applicant acknowledges the council decision to defer to Cambridgeshire County Council.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
11.6	Green Belt Existing WWTP	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
13.1	Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
13.17	Archaeology	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
14.1	Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
14.2	Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
15.5	Monitoring	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
15.10	Mineral Safeguarding Areas	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
15.13	Review of additional information provided by the Applicant	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
16.6	Planning policy	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
17.5	Policy – NPSWW	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
17.8	Policy – adopted and emerging Local Plan and SPDs	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
17.13	Environmental Statement – Scope	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response, but wishes to clarify that any planning application for the proposed development of the NEC will be submitted by the relevant developer and not by the Applicant as stated in this response.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
17.18	Proposed WWTP – use of resources	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
18.17	Working hours	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
18.21	Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
18.30	Further assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
18.31	Review of additional information submitted by the Applicant	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
19.5	Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
19.7	Data	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
19.13	Assessment	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
19.15	Mitigation	The Applicant thanks Cambridge City Council for their response.
20.12	Policy – local	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.14	Policy – local	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.17	Strategy documents – relevance to decision	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.39	Construction traffic – alternatives	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
20.56	Construction phase – cumulative impacts	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.59	Construction Workers Travel Plan	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.60	Construction Workers Travel Plan	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.67	Mitigation – CTMP	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.85	Operational traffic – mitigation – J34	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.90	Mitigation measures	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.93	Electric vehicle charging	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
20.94	Requirement 12 – OWTP	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response. The Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority are looking to arrange a meeting to discuss any remaining areas of difference.
21.20	Capacity	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response.
21.48	NPSWW	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response.
21.58	NPSWW	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response.
21.59	Review of additional information	The Applicant acknowledges Cambridge City Council's response.

**Table 2-7: The Conservators of the River Cam**

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
1.14	Other Projects and Proposals	The Applicant notes the comments about annual bank revetment work and seeks prior engagement with the Conservators in order that they can be accommodated. Discussions on this point will be recorded in the Statement of Common Ground.
7.14	Temporary disruption to the River Cam navigation	The Applicant notes the comments and acknowledges the agreement in principle with the Conservators of the Cam on the most suitable time for the construction of the outfall with August as the preferred time for the start of this construction.
7.15	Effect on the River Cam	The Applicant acknowledges the comments and refers to the Applicants response to ExAQ1 8.36 which sets out the amendments to the extent of the freehold acquisition of land near the river Cam. This information has also been incorporated into a formal note shared with The Conservators and their Legal advisors directly on 10 November 2023. A meeting of all parties is being arranged to review this response and address the Cam Conservancy's concern regarding the interference with the rights of navigation on the river Cam, as raised in their comments. at Issue Specific Hearing 1.
8.36	Navigational Rights	The Applicant acknowledges the comments and refers to the Applicants response to ExAQ1 8.36 which sets out the amendments to the extent of the freehold acquisition of land near the river Cam. This information has also been incorporated into a formal note shared with The Conservators and their Legal advisors directly on 10 November 2023. A meeting of all parties is being arranged to review this response and address the Cam Conservancy's concern regarding the interference with the rights of navigation on the river Cam, as raised in their comments. at Issue Specific Hearing 1.
9.2	Design review	The Applicant notes the comments. As noted in the Applicants response to ExQ1 9.1 (see App Doc Ref 8.3 [REP1-079]) the Applicant will engage the Design Council for the development of the final detailed design, it should be noted that is the Design Council would allocate members of the Design Panel and therefore the Applicant advises that any interests should be registered with them.
10.16	Requirement 10 consultation	The Applicant notes the comments and will continue to discuss this matter with the Conservators of the Cam and if any consultation process would be acceptable that is in line with the project programme and timescales.

**Table 2-8: Horningsea Parish Council**

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
20.39	Construction traffic alternatives	The Applicant refers to its response to ExQ1 20.39 as provided at Deadline 1.

**Table 2-9: Homes England**

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
Covering Letter		The Applicant thanks Homes England for the comments made in their covering letter in response to the ExA's written questions and for underling their commitment to and the national importance of the Proposed Development.
2.30		The Applicant acknowledges Homes England's response and refers to the Applicant's response to this question, Document Reference: REP1-079 Anglian Water Services Limited 8.3 Response to ExA's ExQ1
8.31		The Applicant acknowledges Homes England's response and refers to the Applicant's response to this question, Document Reference: REP1-079 Anglian Water Services Limited 8.3 Response to ExA's ExQ1

**Table 2-10: Cadent**

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
6.30	Capacity-ability of the gas network to accept biogas	The Applicant notes the response and is in discussions with Cadent about the proposal.
8.20	Protective Provisions	The Applicant acknowledges the comments and is in active discussions with Cadent about the current drafting of the Protective Provisions and the amendments sought.

**Table 2-11: Waterbeach Development Company (WDC) and respective Landowners**

Reference	Topic	Applicant's Response
1.2.1	Cumulative Assessment	The Applicant notes the comments. Active discussions are taking place with WDC and GCP/SLC Rail through a series of co-ordination meetings, as detailed in the Statement of Common Ground. The Applicant agrees there is a need to continue to ensure appropriate co-ordination and mitigation of cumulative effects of the construction phases of the respective developments, namely the Waterbeach Pipelines North, the delivery of the proposed pumping station (outside of the Proposed Development), the proposed new Waterbeach railway station and the new development of Waterbeach East. This will be done through the CEMP (App Doc Ref 5.4.2.7) [AS-057] for the Proposed Development, and the equivalent documents which will form part of the relevant consents for the other forms of development which will be controlled by the relevant planning authority.
2.25	Benefits	The Applicant notes and agrees with WDC's comments. The Applicant considers that the benefits of connecting to a new pumping station can be given weight in the planning balance because the Outline Planning Application (S/2075/18/OL) which has a resolution to grant consent subject to a s106 agreement for Waterbeach East included provision of the pumping station. In addition, the pumping station forms part of the drainage strategy for Waterbeach New Town (East and West).
2.39	Construction traffic route alternatives	The Applicant notes the comments regarding the formation of a construction haul road that will avoid the routing of construction traffic through Waterbeach Village. The Applicant supports the proposal and further arrangements will be recorded in the Statement of Common Ground with WDC.
2.56	Construction phase cumulative impacts	The Applicant notes the comments and agrees that each development will be governed by the need for the submission and approval of a Construction and Environmental and a Construction Traffic Management Plan.
20.65	Mitigation – Denny End Road	The Applicant refers to its response to ExA1.20.65 (Response to ExA's ExQ1) (App Doc Ref 8.3) [REP1-079]
20.66	Mitigation – CTMP	The Applicant refers to its response to ExA1.20.66 (Response to ExA's ExQ1) (App Doc Ref 8.3) [REP1-079]
20.77	Junction modelling commitments	The Applicant refers to its response to ExA1.20.77 (Response to ExA's ExQ1) (App Doc Ref 8.3) [REP1-079]



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