

Planning Act 2008 – section 91**Application by Anglian Water Services Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project (Ref WW010003)****Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) dealing with environmental matters: Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 January 2024 at 9:30am.**

Notification of the date, time and attendance instructions for ISH3 was provided in the Examining Authority's (ExA) [letter](#) dated 12 December 2023.

Date:	Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 January 2024
Seating and registration from	9.00am
Hearing start time:	9:30am
Venue:	Hilton Cambridge City Centre, 20 Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3DT and Virtual event (Microsoft Teams¹)
Access and parking:	Please contact the venue for information

Arrangements Conference (if attending virtually)

Please join at 9:00am. The Case Team will admit you from the virtual lobby and register your attendance. The lobby is silent, so please be patient and we will admit you as soon as possible. Where necessary breaks will be provided during the hearing.

Agenda**1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing****2. Application documents**

- Matters around inconsistencies in updated documents, such as Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 2 [APP-034, REP1-021 and REP1-022].
- Matters around errata list and updated documents.
- Matters around any potential missing documents.

¹ Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance of the meeting to those who register to participate.

- Whether Cambridge City Council (CCC) / South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) intend(ed) to submit written summaries of oral submissions.
- Applicant's post hearing submission Appendix C – Working Timetable commissioning / remediation dates clarification.

3. Traffic and transport

- Updates on outstanding information / responses, including:
 - Whether National Highways Limited is satisfied with the Road Safety Audit for the A14 J34 overbridge.
 - Whether Cambridge City Airport (Marshall Group Properties) is satisfied with the arrangements for consultation in relation to the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan as set out by the Applicant in response to ExQ1.20.18.
 - Whether any changes need to be made to the draft Code of Construction Practice in response to Marshall Group Properties' Written Representation.
 - Whether Network Rail Infrastructure Limited is satisfied with the proposed construction routes and their interface with level crossings.
- Construction phase matters, including:
 - National Highways Limited's position.
 - Use of the Development Consent Order (DCO) to enable works to be carried out within the adopted public highway.
 - Kerb over-runs and whether Cambridgeshire County Council (CCoC) is satisfied with the means of securing mitigation as proposed.
 - Specific mitigation measures regarding construction access points (as suggested by CCoC as para 13.26 of its Local Impact Report).
 - Mitigation plans (ExQ1.20.9), including:
 - Whether these include measures which are satisfactory to the approving authority: pre-commencement / pre-operation agreement with the relevant authority; specification of consultees; monitoring; and mechanism(s) to respond to issues revealed by monitoring.
 - Whether the above are all secured in the draft DCO.
 - Time-critical activities.
 - Junction modelling.
 - Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AIL), including:
 - Evidence around whether the A14 J34 / overbridge is suitable in terms of geometry and weight.
 - Controls on AIL routing sought by CCoC (ExQ1.20.19).
 - Waterbeach and Fen Ditton construction routes, including:
 - Response sought to ExQ1.20.56 c).
 - Acceptability of Waterbeach impacts including cumulative impacts.
 - Routes during disruption on A14 or A10.
 - Potential use of a haul road as an alternative to residential roads in Waterbeach.
- Operational phase matters, including:
 - National Highways Limited's position.
 - Traffic impacts.
 - Mitigation proposals.
 - Air quality mitigation as suggested by CCoC at ExQ1.4.5.

- Motorised vehicle and bicycle parking at the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), including provision for electric vehicles.
- Site access and adjoining highway matters, including:
 - Vehicular access, including CCC's and SCDC's disagreement as indicated in the Principal Areas of Disagreement and Statements of Common Ground documents.
 - Pedestrian access.
 - Equestrian routes.

4. Carbon

- South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (SCLP) policy CC/3 compliance and BREEAM.
- Carbon assessment, including:
 - Baseline of the carbon assessment.
 - Consideration of sludge deliveries.
 - Uncertainty of future emissions and scenarios.
 - Waste disposal.
- Whole life carbon assessment, including:
 - Scope.
 - Potential for future expansion and upgrades to plant equipment.
 - Offsetting of decommissioning and construction greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
 - Net zero and carbon offsetting.
- Significance of effects.
- Design refinement and GHG emissions.
- Gas to grid capability and alternatives.

5. Ecology

- Landscape, Ecological and Recreational Management Plan (LERMP), including:
 - Recreational impacts on Stow-cum-Quy Fen Site of Special Scientific Interest.
 - Wider connectivity (Wicken Fen Vision Area and compliance with SCLP policy NH/6).
 - Funding towards organisation of an Advisory Group.
 - Scope / species mitigation.
- Securing mitigation through the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) Parts A and B and the Construction and Environmental Management Plan, including:
 - Habitat reinstatement and species mitigation.
 - Invasive non-native species.
 - Trees and hedgerows.
- Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), including:
 - Scope (consideration of areas outside of the LEMRP and outfall management and monitoring plan).
 - Reedbed habitat.
 - Funding for ecological monitoring requested by SCDC / section (s) 106.
 - Achieving the proposed 20% BNG.
- Operational outfall management plan / design of the outfall.
- Impacts on the River Cam County Wildlife Site (CWS).
- Impacts on Low Fen Drove Way Grasslands and Hedges CWS.

- Impacts on protected species (bats, reptiles, hares).

6. Water resources

- Significance of effects (impacts on water quality).
- Consideration of the River Basin Management Plan update 2022.
- Water abstraction.
- Dewatering (licences and impacts on private drinking sources).
- Flood risk.
- Water efficiency.
- Hydrological contamination.
- Surface water drainage.
- Outline water quality management plan.
- Design and engineering of the proposed outfall.
- Relevant permits and consents.
- Update on forthcoming updated Flood Risk Assessment.

7. Historic environment

- Clarification around effects on designated heritage assets, including Baits Bite Lock Conservation Area and Biggin Abbey Grade II* listed building.
- Consideration of the degree of harm to the significance of designated heritage assets.
- Consideration of harm to the significance of designated heritage assets not reported in ES Chapter 13.
- Adequacy of mitigation.

8. Landscape and visual / design

- Consideration of the 'rotunda' design concept, associated landscaping and character of the area.
- Appropriateness and adequacy of measures relating to bund planting.
- Matters relating to the LERMP, including its scope.
- Clarification of potential for effects from plumes / flares.
- Tree protection / replacement matters (including woodland).
- Consideration of potential / need for formal detailed design review.
- Consideration of a 'Design Code' and what this would include.

9. Green Belt

- Clarification around which elements would be inappropriate development.
- Consideration of degree to which effects on the Green Belt have sought to be minimised.
- Adequacy of consideration of non-Green Belt sites.
- Clarification around SCDC's view in its Local Impact Report that Green Belt release for housing need through the local plan process would not provide 'exceptional circumstances', whereas the relocation of a WWTP (for which no evident need has been demonstrated) to the Green Belt in order to enable housing development would demonstrate 'very special circumstances'.

10. Noise and vibration

- Residential receptor sensitivity.
- Likely operational impacts of emergency generators.

- Noise and vibration impacts during decommissioning.
- Disapplication of s61 of the Control and Pollution Act 1974.
- Mitigation and monitoring (including handling of complaints, building condition surveys and controls within the CoCP Parts A and B).

11. Land quality

- Groundwater contamination investigation and monitoring.
- Decommissioning and contamination.

12. Odour

- Impacts during decommissioning.
- Control of odour through the dDCO and environmental permitting.

13. Review of issues and actions arising

14. Any other matters

15. Closure of Hearing

Notes on participation, conduct and management of the hearing

All IPs are invited to attend issue specific hearings. The event will also be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project page](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the event date.

Each IP is entitled to make oral representations at the Hearing. However, this is subject to the ExA's power to control the Hearing.

The ExA would find it helpful for the following attendees (including representatives who are in a position to discuss the matters on the agenda) to participate in ISH3:

- **Anglian Water Services Limited (the Applicant)**
- **Cambridgeshire County Council**
- **Cambridge City Council**
- **South Cambridgeshire District Council**
- **National Highways Limited**
- **Network Rail Infrastructure Limited**
- **Environment Agency**
- **Natural England**
- **Historic England**
- **Waterbeach Parish Council**
- **Cambridge City Airport (Marshall Group Properties)**
- **Any other Interested Parties (IPs)** - with an interest in the matters on the agenda.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required. Guidance under PA2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that it is the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct

questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. The hearing will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to written questions.

The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

All Examination documents are provided with a unique identification number for referencing purposes shown in square brackets [].

The evidence presented orally at ISH3 should be included in post-hearing submissions and submitted by **Monday 22 January 2024 (Deadline 4)**.

Contingencies

The ExA will endeavour to hear all participants. If the ISH, or parts of it, is unable to proceed, for example for technical reasons, then the ExA may adjourn incomplete business to reserved hearings later in the Examination Timetable. Notice of any adjournments will be provided on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Purpose of the ISH

The main purpose of ISH3 is to undertake an examination of various environmental matters. In particular, to review environmental impact considerations, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations relating to:

- Traffic and transport.
- Carbon.
- Ecology.
- Water resources.
- Historic environment.
- Landscape and visual / design.
- Green Belt.
- Noise and vibration.
- Land quality.
- Odour.