

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

Examining Authority's Note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI)

Inspection 2: Environs of the application site and wider area – Monday 8 and Friday 12 January 2024

This note is a brief record to inform the Applicant, Interested Parties and any other parties of the actions taken by the Examining Authority (ExA).

The ExA undertook a USI on Monday 8 and Friday 12 January 2024. The USI enabled the ExA to obtain further views of, and to become more familiar with the application site and surrounding area, including in respect of the night-time lighting environment.

Viewpoint (VP) and photomontage (PM) locations referred to relate to those identified in the Applicant's Landscape and Visual Amenity assessment documents [AS-034, AS-048 and APP-127].

The ExA may undertake further USIs in due course.

DAY 1 – Monday 8 January 2024

Weather: Overcast

Visibility: Reasonable

All ExA panel members along with Rebecca Evans, Case Officer, visited Ely Cathedral in the afternoon to observe views from VP 41.

ExA panel member Alex Hutson observed the site of the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), and views towards it from within the vicinity of Horningsea and Fen Ditton, during the hours of darkness.

DAY 2 – Friday 12 January 2024

Weather: Overcast

Visibility: Reasonable

All ExA panel members, along with Deborah Allen, Case Manager, and Rebecca Evans, Case Officer, visited the Poplar Hall Farm complex. The inspection was in response to a request for the ExA to view the land [REP1-181]. Whilst unaccompanied, the ExA had permission from relevant parties to access any private land associated with the Poplar Hall Farm complex as necessary.

The ExA noted the access arrangement and locations of elements of the Proposed Development, including for pipelines, tunnels and construction compounds, in relation to Poplar Hall, its garden, associated buildings and farmland / fields. The ExA noted the noise levels associated with traffic along the A14.

The ExA also observed, from a public right of way, the existing WWTP outfall onto the River Cam, the location of the proposed WWTP outfall and the area of land which forms Plot 021b as shown on the Land Plans [REP1-016].

The ExA continued along the public right of way to Baits Bite Lock, then along a public right of way to Horningsea Road, observing views towards Biggin Abbey, and then over the A14 bridge, observing views over the site of the proposed WWTP.

End of USI2