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In the section on funding the applicant said that 90% of the profit from the value of the land of the Cowley Road site goes back towards the public. What percentage of the profit will Anglian Water keep for themselves?

In the Chronology of Feasibility investigations referred to in South Cambridgeshire District Council LIR it states that the 2008 Cambridgeshire Horizons report concluded that relocation of the sewage plant was not viable because of the cost. The 2008 report in fact says: - 'An alternative site for the WwTW has been identified in the Minerals and Waste Plan at Honey Hill in the Green Belt, north of the A14. The selected site has been subject to public consultation but has received significant objections on a number of grounds. These include the lack of adequate justification for the relocation, the cost of relocation and impacts upon the Green Belt, the local landscape and adjoining communities. This suggests that even if an alternative site for the WwTP has been identified in a planning study, the certainty of achieving the relocation of the works is far from certain, even if such as move was found to be financially viable.'

Please note South Cambridgeshire District Council's comments in the ISH2 in October expressing a strong desire to avoid building on Green Belt and causing harm to the Green Belt because of its very special role in protecting the historic setting of Cambridge.

Please note the explanation from the applicant as to why the structures of the new plant will need to be so high and cannot be submerged, as is currently the case on the existing site: the chosen site is over a chalk aquifer.

9) The council has repeatedly said publicly that if the relocation did not go ahead it would be 3900 that would need to go elsewhere, not 8350.

10) The applicant explained that its commitment to be operationally net zero by 2030 was as an average from across its whole portfolio board, not at any one individual waste water treatment plant, which is why it is not obliged to meet this target with the existing sewage plant. Does this mean that, potentially, the improvements it plans to make to hit net zero at the proposed new plant will allow for fewer upgrades of its other structures that it owns elsewhere? Is it true that this new proposed plant will not necessarily reduce Anglian Water's overall corporate carbon footprint beyond that which it has committed to by 2030? If the answer to this is yes, that Anglian Water's overall carbon footprint will not be necessarily be further reduced as a result of the new plant, then there is no point in making operational carbon comparisons between the existing plant and the proposed plant.