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Anglian Water Services Limited

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (“SoCG”) is submitted as part of an application by Anglian Water Services Limited (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (‘the Application’) for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant (CWWTPR).
- 1.1.2 The Application is for the provision of a new modern, low carbon waste water treatment plant for Greater Cambridge. The project is an enabler of sustainable growth. The relocation of the existing works, from its current site, will unlock the last large brownfield site in Greater Cambridge and allow the creation of a new city district and provide much needed housing and commercial space in a sustainable location, with access to transport, jobs and recreational opportunities.
- 1.1.3 This SoCG has been prepared by the Applicant and agreed with The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire (WT). WT has been identified as an interested party. It is a place based independent charity and is part of The Wildlife Trusts federation and a corporate member of the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts and has an interest in some of the issues raised in the DCO Application for CWWTPR relevant to its area.
- 1.1.4 To date, WT have provided views on draft proposals at different phases of consultation of the design development of CWWTPR.
- 1.1.5 This working draft of the SoCG has been prepared by the Applicant and agreed with WT. It will be submitted at the first Deadline of the Examination. It is not intended that it will be further developed throughout the examination process or that further discussions will continue.
- 1.1.6 WT have advised that they will not be registering in the DCO process due to very limited resources. The matters presented therefore in the SoCG are unable to be progressed further and are left as not agreed.
- 1.1.7 In this SoCG, reference to ‘the parties’ means the Applicant and WT.

1.2 Approach to the SoCG

- 1.2.1 The SoCG is structured as follows:
- Section 2 identifies the approach and status of this SoCG
 - Section 3 confirms the pre-application consultation undertaken to date between the Applicant and WT;
 - Section 4 identifies the current and final position on issues raised during the pre-application consultation process.

Agreed	indicates where the issue has been resolved and is recorded in Green and marked “ Low ”
Under Discussion	indicates where these issues or points will be the subject of on-going discussion whenever possible to resolve or refine the extent of disagreement between the parties and is recorded in Amber and marked “ medium ”
Not Agreed	indicates a final position and is recorded in Red and marked high

- Section 5 includes the signatures of all parties to confirm their agreement that this SoCG is an accurate record of issues and discussions as at the date of this SoCG.

1.3 Status of the SoCG

- 1.3.1 This version of the SoCG represents the position between the Applicant and SHHG as of October 2023 (covering the pre-examination stage of the process). The SoCG will continue to be reviewed, discussed and progressed through examination stages as well as any actions arising from the Issue Specific Hearings. A Principle Areas of Disagreement document on specific points between SoCG’s will be updated and submitted to the Examining Authority (ExA) during the examination to reflect issues that require further discussion to achieve agreement.

2 Consultation and Engagement

- 2.1.1 The Applicant has engaged with the WT concerning the project on multiple occasions during the pre-application period.
- 2.1.2 Throughout the pre-application period the Applicant considered the WT, a non-prescribed consultee, as ‘deemed to be prescribed’ and consulted them as a Section 42 consultee under the 2008 Act.
- 2.1.3 The Section 42 consultation ran in parallel to phase three community consultation, which involved consultation on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and ran from 24 February 2022 – 27 April 2022. The WT, as part of the Section 42 consultees, were consulted on the PEIR. The WT were also consulted at the phase one statutory consultation under Section 47 of the 2008 Act from 23 June 2021 – 18 August 2021.
- 2.1.4 The Applicant committed to consulting technical consultees both before, during and after the statutory Section 42 consultation, through the formation of Technical Working Groups (TWGs) of which the WT was a consultee of the Biodiversity and Ecology TWG.
- 2.1.5 Ongoing engagement to discuss consultation responses and key issues took place through the TWGs and stakeholders meetings as set out in Appendix 1 – Schedule of Engagement.

2.1.6 For further information on the pre-application consultation process please see the Consultation Report (document reference 6.1 of PINS Project Reference: WW010003).

3 Summary and Position

3.1 Site Selection

Table 3.1 details the summary and status of agreement on Site Selection

SoCG ID	Statement	Status	Applicant's Comments
	It is not agreed that CWWTPR is located in the best location; it has the potential to compromise the achievement of the Cambridge Nature Network and the National Trust Wicken Fen long-term vision.	High	The Applicant undertook a comprehensive site selection process and adopted the best performing site from this process. The Applicant has presented within the DCO Application proposals to improve access to green spaces and continues to work with Stakeholders to combine the projects proposals with other initiatives, including tying into the Wicken Fen Vision and opportunities arising from the promotion of other developments.

3.2 Biodiversity

Table 3.2 details the summary and status of agreement on biodiversity

SoCG ID	Statement	Status	Applicant's Comments
	There is potential for adverse ecological impacts on sites such as Stow-cum-Quy Fen SSSI.	High	The Applicant has assessed all ecological impacts within the Environmental Statement and presented proposed mitigation for any adverse impacts.

3.3 Hydrological impact

Table 3.3 details the summary and status of agreement on Hydrological impact

SoCG ID	Statement	Status	Applicant's Comments
	There is a risk of surface water or groundwater pollution, including on Stow-cum-Quy Fen SSSI.	High	The Applicant has considered and assessed this risk and presented proposed mitigation.

3.4 Recreational Pressure

Table 3.4 details the summary and status of agreement on recreational pressure

SoCG ID	Statement	Status	Applicant's Comments
	There is a concern of increased recreational pressure, particularly on Stow-cum-Quy Fen SSSI.	High	The Applicant has undertaken an assessment of existing recreational use and monitoring proposals for the future.

4 Agreement on this SoCG

This Statement of Common Ground has been jointly agreed by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Position: _____

On behalf of: Anglian Water Services Limited

Date: _____

Name: Martin Baker

Signature:  _____

Position: Conservation Manager

On behalf of: The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire

Date: 4th January 2024

Appendix 1

Table 1.1: Schedule of engagement undertaken to date with the Wildlife Trust

<p>Issues discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project background • Project timescales • Site selection process • EIA process • Initial feedback provided 	<p>Briefing meeting with Martin Baker (Conservation Manager)</p> <p>2 July 2020</p>
<p>Issues discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Proposed Development • EIA process and timescales (overview) • Approach to Ecological Survey 	<p>Biodiversity and Ecology Technical Working Group (TWG)</p> <p>11 March 2021</p>
<p>Issues discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To share survey findings to date and next steps • Share the proposals that will be published as part of Phase Two consultation • Identify any mitigation suggestions at this stage • Requirement for licences • Any further survey requirements/confirmation of protected species 	<p>Biodiversity and Ecology TWG</p> <p>15 June 2021</p>
<p>Issues discussed</p> <p>To provide an update on the EIA biodiversity methodology in advance of EIA scoping being formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and to help orientate attendees around the layout and structure of the report.</p>	<p>Biodiversity and Ecology TWG</p> <p>24 August 2021</p>
<p>Issues discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigation options • BNG • Impact on water quality • Natural screening for the site 	<p>Meeting with Martin Baker (Conservation Manager)</p> <p>15 November 2021</p>
<p>Issues discussed</p> <p>The purpose and aim of the meeting was to provide a general introduction ahead of Phase Three consultation and outline what will be in the PEIR including an update on biodiversity net gain.</p>	<p>Biodiversity and Ecology TWG</p> <p>3 February 2022</p>
<p>Issues discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRA comments • Survey update • Protected species mitigation and licencing (water vole, badger) • Remaining engagement – HRA • Ongoing engagement on the draft environmental information • Landscape management plan-connectivity feedback • Early comments on the Code of Construction Practice 	<p>Biodiversity and Ecology TWG</p> <p>26 April 2022</p>

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