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Dear Sir/Madam

CAMBRIDGE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT RELOCATION THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (EXQ2)

Thank you for your letter of 31 January 2024. Please find our response to the written questions and requests for information below:

1.3 Legislation

We do not consider that Part 7 Nutrient pollution standards of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 will have any implications for the Proposed Development. Necessary water quality standards will be considered by us when accessing the Applicant's environmental permit application.

5.16 Reedbed

We are unable to comment on the justification provided by the Applicant for a reedbed system not being feasible. Although we did not refer to it as being necessary, we did highlight and recommend throughout our engagement with the Applicant and within our Relevant Representation that a reedbed system at the outfall would be beneficial. We do consider it a missed opportunity to create habitat if it is not proposed and support the views of Natural England.

8.8 Statutory Undertakers

We do not consider that there are any outstanding matters to resolve. We agree with the Applicant that no Protective Provisions are required relating to matters within our remit.

15.2 Assessment / Monitoring

We are satisfied with the land quality assessments and monitoring proposals provided by the Applicant.

21.1 Flood Risk Assessment (FRA)

Our Evidence and Risk team have reviewed the modelling undertaken to support the updated FRA and consider the modelling to be acceptable. However, the team is

currently reviewing an additional baseline modelling scenario that we have received. Please note that an additional post-development modelling scenario may also be required to demonstrate that any proposed mitigation measures will ensure there is no increase in flood risk elsewhere.

We consider that the climate change allowances used within the updated FRA are acceptable.

21.3 Licences and Permits

We do not consider this matter needs to be addressed further. We consider that abstraction license requirements shown within 7.1 Consents and Other Permits Register (APP-200) are appropriate and cover the temporary permits that will be necessary. It is our understanding that the Applicant will soon be applying for these.

21.5 Water supply

We agree that water use between the existing and proposed WWTP would be similar. The Applicant has also confirmed that water efficiency standards will be met. We do not have any outstanding concerns regarding impacts to water resources from the Proposed Development.

21.8 Installation and commissioning techniques

We can confirm that we met with the Applicant to discuss matters relating to construction, pre-operational testing, and operational testing of the Waterbeach Pipeline. We have also reviewed a briefing technical note in relation to this and accept the Applicant's proposals.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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