

Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project  
Anglian Water Services Limited

# Statement of Common Ground: The Swaffham Internal Drainage Board

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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 brown field 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 SoCGs has been prepared by the Applicant and the Swaffham Internal Drainage Board (“SIDB”). The SIDB are a statutory Internal Drainage Board within the meaning of the Land Drainage Act 1991 and exercise jurisdiction over the Ely group of Internal Drainage Boards, which includes the Waterbeach Level Internal Drainage Board which falls within the Project boundary.

1.1.4 This SoCG has been prepared by the Applicant and with SIDB to identify matters agreed and matters currently under discussion or not agreed between the Applicant and SIDB. Any reference to ‘the parties’ means the Applicant and SIDB.

## 1.2 Approach to the SoCG

1.2.1 The SoCG will evolve as the DCO application progresses to submission and through examination. It is structured as follows

- Section 2 confirms the pre-application consultation undertaken to date between the Applicant and SIDB;
- Section 3 identifies the relevant documents on which the agreements recorded in this SoCG were reached;
- Section 4 provides a summary of matters that have been agreed, are under discussion and not agreed;

<b>Agreed</b>	indicates where the issue has been resolved and is recorded in <b>Green</b> and marked “ <b>Low</b> ”
<b>Under Discussion</b>	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 <b>Amber</b> and marked “ <b>medium</b> ”
<b>Not Agreed</b>	indicates a final position and is recorded in <b>Red</b> and marked <b>high</b>

- Section 4 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, Version 2 of the SoCG represents the position between the Applicant and SIDB as of 27 September 2023 (covering the pre-application stage of the process). The SoCG will continue to be reviewed and progressed through acceptance and pre-examination stages as well as any actions arising from the Issue Specific Hearings on the draft DCO.
- 1.3.2 A Principle Areas of Disagreement (PADS) document on specific points between SoCG's will be updated and submitted to the Examining Panel during the examination to reflect where matters are still under discussion or are not agreed.

## 2 Consultations and Engagement

- 2.1.1 The Applicant has engaged with SIDB, a statutory consultee for the project, through a series of meetings within a Technical Working Group (TWG) forum and in one to one meetings on specific issues.

## 3 Documents considered in this SoCG

- 3.1.1 In reaching common ground on the matters covered in this SoCG, the parties have considered and refer to;
- Design Plans – Waterbeach Pipeline Long sections (App Doc Ref 4.14)
  - Design Plans – Outfall (App Doc Ref 4.13)
  - Draft Outline Drainage Strategy (App Doc Ref 5.4.20.12)
  - Water Resources Chapter 20 of the Environment Statement (App Doc Ref 5.2.20) and Environmental Statement Volume 3. Book of Figures Water Resources (App Doc Ref 5.3.20)
  - Flood Risk Assessment Environmental Statement Volume 4 Chapter 20 Appendix 20.1 (App Doc Ref 5.4.20.1)
  - CFD Modelling of outfall - Environmental Statement Volume 4 Chapter 20 Appendix 20.7 (App Doc Ref 5.4.20.7)
  - Water Voles -Book of Figures Biodiversity – (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.18 - 21)
  - Natural England Ghost Licence Method Statement – Water voles (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.22)

## 4 Matters Agreed

Table 4.1: details the summary and status of matters agreed

Matter	Record of engagement	Status
<b>Engagement Process</b>		
The parties accept the need for pre-application engagement to minimise risk of abortive or unnecessary pre-application submission work or the need for additional assessment post application submission and are willing to attend TWG when available and one to one meetings, if needed.	TWG 11 March 2021	Low
<b>Project Overview</b>		
The SLDB accepts the project in principle provided all works do not impact on the Board's infrastructure and surrounding catchment and all works ensure no increase to flood risk.	TWG 11 March 2021	Low
<b>Treated Effluent Outfall structure and location</b>		
The Applicant and SIDB agree the scope of the different options considered for the location of final effluent outfall and route of pipeline along with initial design. It is agreed that the preferred option would be downstream of Baits Bite Loch not utilising ditch options.	Meeting 14 October 2021	Low
<b>Waterbeach New Town Rising main</b>		
The Applicant and SIDB agree the route of the Waterbeach rising main and crossing points, proposed construction methods, programme and mitigation requirements and that an application is required for the installation of the pipeline underneath IDB ditches.	Meeting 11 February 2022	Low
The SIDB is aware that the decommissioning of the Waterbeach WRC, when the rising main is operational, will result in the loss of any further flows to the Bannolds Drain. This approach is agreed.		

<p>It is agreed that the flow of watercourses will not be affected during the installation of the Waterbeach Rising main and that directional drilling is the preferred method of installation at the crossing points identified in Waterbeach Pipeline Long sections (App Doc Ref 4.14).</p> <p>It is agreed that the appropriate distance for construction to occur is a minimum of 2m below the hard bed of any IDB drain and 1 m below any other watercourse.</p>	<p>Meeting 22 September 2023</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p><b>Hydrological Impact Assessment</b></p>		
<p>The Applicant and SIDB agree that the HIA provides a sufficient overview of the potential impacts on surface water and groundwater resources and any connections or impacts to Quy Fen as a result of the connection of the Black Ditch.</p>	<p>KT check date</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p><b>Connectivity with Black Ditch</b></p>		
<p>The Applicant and SIDB agree that the Black Ditch does not connect to Bottisham Lode and that there is no artificial intervention in flow direction. No dams or boards are used to retain water in the Black ditch in dry periods, flow is not measured in the Black Ditch it is mostly stagnant until there is heavy rainfall. There is no known connection in place between Black Ditch and Quy Water at the southern end.</p>	<p>Email dated 13 September 2022 SIDB to Mott MacDonald</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p><b>Protected Species; Water Vole</b></p>		
<p><b>Assessment Approach</b> The assessment presented in Water Voles -Book of Figures Biodiversity (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.18 - 21) including the supporting data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment and the assessment methodology set out is appropriate.</p> <p><b>Proposed mitigation measures</b> The proposals set out in the Ghost Licences at Natural England Ghost Licence Method Statement – Water voles (App Doc Ref 5.4.8.22) are appropriate.</p>		<p>Low</p>

<b>Protective Provisions</b>		
The Applicant and SIDB agree that no Protective Provisions are required but Statements of Common Ground in the name of the required boards for the geographical area will be sufficient.	Email dated 15 November 2022 SIDB to Eversheds Sutherland.	Low
<b>Drainage Strategy</b>		
The Applicant and SIDB agree that the outline drainage strategy is acceptable.	TWG 9 December 2022.	Low
<b>Fluvial Flood Risk</b>		
The Applicant and SIDB agree that the Flood Risk Assessment is acceptable	TWG 9 December 2022	Low
<b>Water Discharge Points</b>		
The Applicant and SIDB have agreed the locations for water discharge points into IDB owned drains along the Waterbeach pipeline. A letter of no impediment for a temporary consent for the discharge of water during construction is attached at Appendix 1.	30 January 2024	Low



## 5 Agreement on this SoCG

This Statement of Common Ground has been jointly agreed by:

**Name:** Mark Malcolm

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**Signature:** 

**Position:** Programme Director Major Infrastructure

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**On behalf of:** Anglian Water Services Limited

**Date:** 30 January 2024

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**Name:** Andrew Newton

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**Signature:** 

**Position:** Engineer

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**On behalf of:** Swaffham Internal Drainage Board

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

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## 6 Appendix 1

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31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

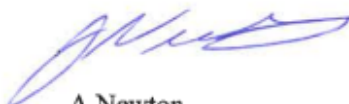
Dear Kathryn

#### **Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project**

I refer to the meetings we have had over the last two years, and the subsequent reports you have provided the Board in relation to the temporary discharge of surface water into our Main Drain system, as part of the construction phase of the above-mentioned project.

I can confirm that if a consent application is made in due course, which is in line with our previous discussions, I do not see any reason for the Board to refuse the application. Any consent issued would be subject to our standard conditions.

Yours sincerely,



A Newton  
Engineer

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You can view all our DCO application documents and updates on the application on The Planning Inspectorate website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/cambridge-waste-water-treatment-plant-relocation/>