

Planning Act 2008 – section 91

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

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) dealing with the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and environmental matters

Notification of the date, time and attendance instructions for ISH4 was provided in the Examining Authority's (ExA) [letter](#) dated 13 February 2024.

Date:	Wednesday 13 March 2024 and, if required, continuing Thursday 14 March 2024
Seating and registration from:	9.00am
Hearing start time:	9:30am
Venue:	Murray Edwards College, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0DF and Virtual event (Microsoft Teams¹)
Access and parking:	Visitors may use the car park, off Storey's Way. If you are using a Sat-Nav, 'CB3 0DR' will guide you to the car park entrance. For further information, please contact the venue.

Arrangements Conference (if attending virtually)

Please join at 9:00am. The Case Team will admit you from the virtual lobby and register your attendance. The lobby is silent, so please be patient and we will admit you as soon as possible. Where necessary breaks will be provided during the hearing.

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing

2. dDCO

- The ExA will ask questions on articles, requirements and schedules, including, but not necessarily limited to:
 - Article 6(g)(i) and scope of outfall limits of deviation;

¹ Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance of the meeting to those who register to participate.

- Article 44 and rights on the river Cam matters;
- Schedule 1 (Authorised development) - consideration of Work No. 3 (Public / visitor parking), Work No. 19 (Gateway building) and Work No. 36 (Waterbeach pipeline south) and matters around 'associated development';
- Schedule 12 (Temporary possession) and consideration of Plot 021b;
- Schedule 14 (Parameters) - reference to 'flare stack' in Part 15, scope of Part 18 relating to the Gateway building and vehicle parking and consideration of whether the Parts should refer to specific Work Nos;
- Schedule 16 (removal of hedgerows) and reference to 'pink line' for H19 and H20;
- Requirement (R) 10 (outfall) and whether the Conservators of the River Cam should be added as a consultee;
- R13 (archaeological investigation mitigation strategy) and matters around flexibility, as raised by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCoC);
- R17 (decommissioning) and consideration of any necessity to make provision for decommissioning of the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant; and
- R25(2)(b) (on site / offsite biodiversity net gain) and consideration of relevant tests for such a requirement relating to offsite provision.
- Applicant and relevant parties (including National Highways Limited, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, CCoC and Conservators of the River Cam) to provide an update on Schedule 15 (protective provisions), explanations for any differences of view and timescales for resolution; and
- Applicant to provide an update on other consents, licences and other agreements.

3. Agricultural land and soils

- Clarification around effects on farm holding 'G040' (Poplar Hall Farm).
- Consideration of updates to the outline Soil Management Plan [REP5-060].

4. Biodiversity

- Potential recreational pressure on Stow-cum-Quy Fen Site of Special Scientific Interest;
- Significance of effects;
- Mitigation and management of protected species and habitats;
- Biodiversity Net Gain; and
- Low Fen Drove Way Grasslands and Hedges County Wildlife Site.

5. Carbon

- South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 Policy CC/3;
- Statements of Common Ground (SoCG);
- Carbon offsetting and carbon counting;
- Gas to grid;
- Net zero operation of the Proposed Development;
- Significance of effects;
- Design Code [REP5-109]; and
- Carbon sequestration.

6. Water Resources

- Update on the Flood Risk Assessment;

- Outline water quality monitoring plan;
- BREEAM and water efficiency;
- Septic tanks; and
- Water quality.

7. Land Quality

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2021 Policy 5; and
- Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment [REP5-020].

8. Noise and Vibration

- Scoping out of emergency generators from the noise assessment;
- Effects from temporary odour control measures and scrubbers; and
- Complaints procedure.

9. Traffic and transport

- Issues with documents submitted at Deadline 5, including:
 - ES Chapter 19 [REP5-046] and whether excluded hours should be included in first bullet point of para 2.8.21.
 - ES Chapter 19 [REP5-046] para 2.8.28 and incorrect reference to 'Operation Logistics Traffic Plan'.
 - Transport Assessment (TA) part 1 [REP5-071] paras 4.4.11, 4.4.12, 9.3.6 and Table 9-6.
 - TA part 3 [REP5-075] page 1008 of 1013, para 1.2.2.
- Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) and whether Figure 4.1 should be updated as per Save Honey Hill Group's (SHHG) suggestion in section 2 of 'SHH 58' [REP5-135].
- CTMP and justification for SHHG's request for further restrictions in section 5 of 'SHH 58' [REP5-135].
- Progress update with National Highways Limited.
- National Highways' response to ExQ1.20.82 [REP4-096].
- Progress Update – Mitigation Document Schedule (ISH3 Hearing Action Point 11 [REP4-087]).
- Applicant's position on road damage payments (noting CCoC's response to ISH3 Action Point 30 [AS-179]) and whether these should be secured in the dDCO.
- Lighting on Horningsea Road (noting para 16.12 of South Cambridgeshire District Council's (SCDC) LIR [REP5-120]) and how this would be secured.
- Responses to outstanding points on page 17 of [AS-179], including in relation to CA10 and CA13 and whether a final agreed schedule could be submitted by the Applicant / included in the SoCG with CCoC.
- Parking – justification for the addition of Network Technicians to parking requirements with reference to Applicant's response to ExQ2.20.11 [REP5-111].
- Review of ISH3 Action Point 25 [EV-007v].
- Junction Modelling in TA Part 1 [REP5-071].

10. Major accidents and disasters

- Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AIL):
 - Routing map (e.g. Figure 4.2 of CTMP [REP5-077]) and whether it could show a distinction between vehicles greater than: (i) 44 tonnes but within maximum legal Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) dimensions (as per ES Chapter 19 page 42 [REP5-046]); and (ii) maximum legal HGV dimensions regardless of weight.
 - Timing of AIL and SHHG's comments in section 3 of 'SHH 58' [REP5-135].
 - Diversions of AIL and SHHG's comments in section 7 of 'SHH 58' [REP5-135].
 - Whether CCoC is satisfied with controls over AIL.
- Emergency services, including:
 - Access generally including at Waterbeach during construction (ISH3 Action Point 10 [EV-007v]).
 - Access to the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant during operation.
 - Clarification of discussions with and responses from East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service.

11. Community

- Cambridge City Council's response to ExQ2.7.8 [REP5-116].
- Effect on Milton Traveller Site as referred to in SCDC's LIR (para 17.24 [REP5-120]).
- Update on discussions with the Conservators of the River Cam.
- Public rights of way (PRoW) / permissive paths, including:
 - Clarification of which routes would be PRoW and which would be permissive paths (with reference to LERMP [REP5-062]).
 - How permissive paths would be secured.
 - Whether a 30-year period for permissive paths would be sufficient to mitigate effects.
 - Quantification of effects on PRoW 85/8 and 85/6 [REP4-028 and REP5-047].

12. Health

- Clarification in relation to naming of some mitigation plans in ES Chapter 12: Health [REP5-034] which do not appear to accord with submitted documents, (including 'Community Liaison Framework Plan', 'Soil Management Plan' and 'Outline Decommissioning Strategy').
- Any outstanding issues in relation to the Mental Health Wellbeing Impact Assessment [REP5-066].

13. Statements of Common Ground

- Applicant and relevant parties to provide an update on SoCG and key matters of dispute.

14. Review of issues and actions arising

15. Any other matters

16. Closure of hearing

Notes on participation, conduct and management of the hearing

All Interested Parties (IPs) are invited to attend issue specific hearings. The event will also be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project page](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the event date.

Each IP is entitled to make oral representations at the Hearing. However, this is subject to the ExA's power to control the Hearing.

The ExA would find it helpful for the following attendees (including representatives who are in a position to discuss the matters on the agenda) to participate in ISH4:

- **Anglian Water Services Limited (the Applicant)**
- **Cambridgeshire County Council**
- **Cambridge City Council**
- **South Cambridgeshire District Council**
- **National Highways Limited**
- **Network Rail Infrastructure Limited**
- **Environment Agency**
- **Natural England**
- **Conservators of the River Cam**
- **National Trust**
- **Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire**
- **East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust**
- **Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service**
- **Any other Interested Parties** - with an interest in the matters on the agenda.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required. Guidance under PA2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that it is the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. The hearing will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to written questions.

The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

All Examination documents are provided with a unique identification number for referencing purposes shown in square brackets [].

The evidence presented orally at ISH4 should be included in post-hearing submissions and submitted by **Tuesday 2 April 2024 (Deadline 6)**.

Contingencies

The ExA will endeavour to hear all participants. If the ISH, or parts of it, is unable to proceed, for example for technical reasons, then the ExA may adjourn incomplete business to reserved hearings later in the Examination Timetable. Notice of any adjournments will be provided on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Purpose of the ISH

The main purpose of ISH4 is to undertake further examination of the dDCO and various environmental matters. In particular, to review some articles, requirements and schedules of the dDCO and some environmental impact considerations, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations relating to:

- Agricultural land and soils.
- Biodiversity.
- Carbon.
- Water resources.
- Land quality.
- Noise and vibration.
- Traffic and transport.
- Major accidents and disasters.
- Community.
- Health.