



26th March 2024

**National
Trust**

Online submission: Planning Inspectorate

Your Ref: WW010003

Our Ref: 20041383

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Procedural Deadline 6 Submission: Responses to Third Written Questions (ExQ3)

Please find below responses from the National Trust to the Examiners Third Written Questions.

Yours faithfully

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WQ3 Question to: Question:		
5. Biodiversity		
Q5.1	Natural England, Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire (WTBCN), National Trust, CCoC, SCDC	<p>Recreational pressure on Stow-cum-Quy Fen SSSI</p> <p>The Applicant proposed during ISH4 that changes to ES Chapter 22: Cumulative Effects [REP2-009] to recognise potential recreational pressure on the SSSI as a result of the Proposed Development and a s106 agreement to secure a financial contribution towards measures to mitigate recreational effects on the SSSI will be provided by D6. Would these amendments adequately address your concerns regarding potential recreational impacts on the SSSI? If not, why not?</p>
	Response from National Trust	The National Trust notes that the Applicant is proposing a financial contribution towards the establishment and governance of the Combined Recreational Group (of which the National Trust is a member) and towards baseline assessments and mitigation measures to address recreational pressure on the SSSI. The National Trust supports this measure and provided that a signed s106 agreement is secured at the time the decision is issued (if Development Consent is granted), we have no further concerns.
Q5.2	WTBCN, National Trust	<p>Outline water quality monitoring plan</p> <p>Noting that the Environment Agency (at ISH3) and Natural England [AS-188] confirmed that the outline water quality monitoring plan [REP5-083] is now acceptable, do you also consider that water quality monitoring as proposed to be acceptable?</p>
	Response from National Trust	The National Trust notes the content of the outline water quality monitoring plan. We remain of the opinion that loggers to monitor water at the boreholes are more accurate than dip meters and more likely to pick up subtle changes and variations throughout the year, as stated in our response to ExQ2 (REP5-127). We also consider that the boreholes should be protected during construction to ensure that they remain available for monitoring but note that the Environment Agency will approve any changes. The Trust defers to the advice of the statutory advisors on these matters and notes that the Environment Agency and Natural England have advised that they are

		satisfied with the Outline Water Quality Monitoring Plan.
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