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**Your ref:** WW010003  
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Dear Sir/Madam

### **CAMBRIDGE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT RELOCATION THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (EXQ3)**

Thank you for your letter of 21 March 2024. Please find our response to the written questions and requests for information below:

#### **19.2 Assessment**

With regards to the Installation permit, we have delivered our enhanced pre-application responses to the Applicant. A follow up meeting was had on the 28 March 2024. We have issues regarding containment and liquor (effluent) treatment and the use of the staged application procedure. We would anticipate the Applicant would start to update their application documents from April 2024 onwards.

We were expecting to receive the additional information for the Water Quality application by the end of March. The receipt of this cannot be confirmed at the time of this response deadline. We will need to check the submission covers all the questions we have asked to either be able to duly make or return the application in early/mid April.

#### **21.1 Flood Risk Assessment**

The latest model report that was submitted to us on 19 March 2024 (ref. 123239, dated March 2024) indicates that there would be a small increase in flood risk in a few small areas of agricultural land downstream of Upware as a result of the proposed relocation of the WWTP in isolation (discounting any cumulative effects from planned development in the area up to 2041). An increase in flood depth up to approx. 4cm is predicted in one area of agricultural land during a 1 in 100 year flood event, including an allowance for climate change. We consider that the relevant landowners should be informed of any increase in flood risk to their land (in terms of any increased frequency, depth, duration and extent) and evidence that the landowners accept this increase in flood risk to their land should be provided.

The model report also indicates that there would be a small reduction in flood risk in

a few very small and isolated areas of land around Waterbeach as a result of the proposed relocation of the WWTP in isolation.

There are no properties located within any of the areas where either a small increase or reduction in flood depths and extents is shown in the modelling.

Based on the above comments, we consider that there would be a small increase in flood risk in some areas of land as well as a very slight betterment in other areas of land as a result of the proposed relocation of the WWTP in isolation.

However, when future planned development in the area up to 2041 is taken into consideration, the modelling shows that there would be an increase in flood risk in several areas of land, including in areas where properties are located.

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

Yours faithfully

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