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Dear Sir / Madam

WW010003 Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project
User Code: 20041036

Title: Response to the Examining Authority's third written questions

Examining Authority's submission deadline 6 (D6) with a date of 02 April 2024

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Our responses to the Examining Authority's written questions are provided in Table 1 below. We hope you will find these helpful.

For any further advice on this consultation please contact the case officer Catherine Duerden via email at [REDACTED] and copy to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Natural England’s response to the Examining Authority’s (ExA’s) third written questions (ExQ3) with a deadline of 02 April 2024

Natural England’s ExQ3 Responses, Table 1

Table 1: Natural England’s response to Examiner’s third questions			
ExA question ref	Question addressed to	Question	Answer
ExQ3.5.1	Natural England (NE), 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>	<p>Natural England is satisfied that the changes to ES Chapter 22: Cumulative Effects [draft shared by Applicant] are an acceptable compromise to address our request for additional wording relating to this issue.</p> <p>Natural England is satisfied that Schedule 3 of the s106 agreement [draft shared by Applicant] adequately secures the financial contributions required towards addressing this issue.</p> <p>Natural England’s issues regarding this matter are now considered to be resolved within the DCO, and Natural England will work collaboratively with the Applicant and other parties as part of the Combined Recreation Group (CRG) going forward.</p>
ExQ3.5.3	NE	<p>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)</p> <p>Do you consider that the dDCO [REP5-003] adequately secures Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)?</p>	<p>Natural England does not have any comments to make and defers to the relevant planning authorities on matters relating to BNG.</p>

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