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Dear Rammiel Burnie,

Thank you so much for your patience.

Please find below a written summary of my oral submission at hearings on 13 and 14 March.

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1. The proposed relocation has shifted its focus from addressing critical housing needs, as emphasized throughout the application, to prioritizing commercial and R&D space in Cambridge, without reflecting this in its documentation. In its application Anglian Water clearly identifies the number one benefit of the relocation as housing. Even the Strategic Carbon Assessment only looks at a counterfactual scenario of building houses elsewhere if the existing plant stays put. The Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) was awarded to alleviate housing shortages. The latest iteration of the masterplan for the NEC development significantly increases commercial space without a proportional increase in housing, raising concerns about exacerbating the existing housing crisis. The new number of jobs created will now obviously be completely different from the number in the planning statement; not 15,000, but up to 67,500. It becomes evident that this shift could lead to a significant shortfall in housing. There is no clear and unequivocal evidence to prove the high threshold for building on Green Belt will be met.
  
- 2) Anglian Water touts the new plant's lower emissions compared to the old Cambridge WWTP as a relocation benefit. However, by incorporating these claimed savings into their existing net zero commitment (as reported in the water sector Carbon Accounting Workbook), Anglian Water is merely meeting a pre-existing promise, not exceeding it, which therefore makes the comparison meaningless. The relocation doesn't offer savings across Anglian Water's broader operations, over and above that which has already been promised. The benefits of lower emissions at the new plant will not add any real value at all. When you take into account the massive carbon footprint and financial cost of relocating the plant, this is a project which has no environmental merit whatsoever.
  
- 3) Anglian Water should remove from The Planning Statement 'enhancing recreational opportunities' from their list of benefits.
  
- 4) The negative effect during construction and operation on the mental and physical health of the community will be significant.
  
- 5) Given the very frequent occurrence of traffic backing up along the slip road rejoining the A14 how will Anglian Water ensure that all residents of Poplar Hall Farm and Poplar Hall, will always be able to freely come and go up and down their own drive for everyday movements and in the case of emergencies, and not be hindered in any way by the vehicles involved in the transfer tunnel construction that will be prohibited from leaving the site by turning right along Horningsea Road?
  
- 6) Could Anglian Water provide clarification on the proposed elevation of the digesters compared to those at other facilities? If the sewage treatment plant were sited elsewhere, not above a chalk aquifer, would this issue still be as significant?

Best wishes,  
Liz Cotton

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Good Morning Ms Cotton

Thank you for the warning. Once received I will pass your submission to the Examining Authority and then confirm whether they have accepted it as a Deadline 6 submission.

Kind Regards



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Dear Planning Inspectorate Team,

I am writing to request if you would kindly accept a late submission to Deadline 6. I have been unable to meet the midnight closing time due to some pressing family matters I have had to tend to. I will write up my oral submission by, hopefully, tomorrow. I do apologise.

Yours faithfully,

Liz Cotton  
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