

Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project – Written Summaries of Oral Representations Made by CCoC at Issue Specific Hearing 5 [ISH5]

This document summarises the oral representations made by Cambridgeshire County Council (**CCoC**) at the Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5) on 9th April 2024 in relation to the application for development consent for Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation Project (the Scheme) by Anglian Water Services Limited (the Applicant).

This document does not purport to summarise the oral submissions of parties other than CCoC and summaries of submissions made by other parties are only included where necessary in order to give context to CCC and submissions in response, or where CCoC agreed with the submissions of another party and so made no further submissions themselves.

Table 1.1. Written Summaries of Oral Representations made at ISH5 on 9th April 2024

Agenda Item and Actions	Cambridgeshire County Council's Submission
2 Traffic and Transport	(a) Update from Applicant
	<p>(b) Clarification in relation to the Applicant's recent Additional Submissions</p> <p>The Council confirmed that they are satisfied with the proposed working hours provision as set out in the Code of Construction Practice Part A, noting that Sundays are not considered as bank holidays, and that there is an exception provided in relation to the special circumstances of time-critical activities. The County would encourage the Applicant to schedule any works that fall within the special circumstances category away from weekends and bank holidays as far as practicable, and undertake advanced scheduling as far as possible. This will help to reduce the need to work outside of the proposed working hours.</p> <p>Noting that County has been confirmed as the LPA responsible for discharge of requirements, we would like to highlight that there are a large number of caveats and exceptions within the Code of Construction Practice Part A which allows for flexibility. Therefore, in certain circumstances, the practical application of the Code of Construction Practice Part A is open to interpretation, meaning that in such situations, the onus will be on the Applicant to operate in the best interests of local residential amenity.</p>

	(c) Assessment of Effects
	(d) Mitigation
	<p>(e) IPs' (including Cambridgeshire County Council and National Highways) observations on the Additional Submissions</p> <p>The Council confirmed they are satisfied that there are no material changes to note or additional conclusions, and therefore the Council's previous conclusions remain sound.</p> <p>The Examining Authority (ExA) asked the Council whether the Council can conclude that the Applicant's modelling is robust and can be relied upon by the ExA and Secretary of State and to respond to local residents' own reported experience which differed in their view from the modelling. The Council noted that road-users' day-to-day experiences can differ from the modelling, and that when it undertakes modelling, it models a typical day, which is not to say traffic patterns modelled for that day would occur the same every day. Variations, events, diversions, and works can cause different traffic patterns on a weekly or daily pattern, and modeling usually looks at a typical pattern across a 12-month period.</p> <p>The Council confirmed they are confident that the Applicant's modeling does represent a typical day, and whilst there may be days with more or less congestion, it reflects a robust representation of an average day over the year from which to assess traffic impact.</p> <p>The Council also confirmed they are satisfied that the magnitude of the impact has been accurately assessed.</p>
ACTION 12 response	<p>(f) Policy Considerations</p> <p>Regarding the ExA's request for a view on whether the proposed development adheres to the relevant NPS and NPPF, the Council referred the ExA to their LIR [REP1-133], and noted they had no further specific views to add.</p> <p>The ExA asked about provision for equestrian users. The Council noted the question and said they would respond in writing. Action point 12 has now been issued in relation to the matter:</p> <p>12. Applicant/Cambridgeshire County Council – clarify necessity of 'general' equestrian measures in s.106 [REP6-098] rather than just signage as in previous version.</p>

ACTION 13 response

The Council respond as follows:

In response to requests from Cambridgeshire County Council and National Highways, the Applicant amended the Proposed Development to include works to raise the parapet height on the bridge over the A14 to 1.8m to allow safe equestrian use of the shared cycle/footpath which forms part of the Horningsea Greenway from Cambridge to Horningsea (and links to other PRow in the area). Mounting and dismounting blocks have been provided on either side of the A14 overbridge for equestrian users and the contribution is targeted at signage associated with this and for the provision of measures to support increased use by and safety of equestrian users within the vicinity of the Development. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, signage, crossing, junction, and surface improvements within the highway, and will serve to enhance the amenity of the new equestrian access across the A14 and the new bridleway created by the development.

This contribution meets the requirements of paragraph 3.1.7 of the National Policy Statement for Waste Water insofar as it is considered by both the Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council to be relevant to planning, necessary to make the proposed development acceptable in planning terms, directly related to the proposed development, fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the proposed development, and reasonable in all other respects.

The ExA then asked about the removal of anti-social behaviour provision from the draft s.106 agreement. Action point 13 has now been issued in relation to the matter:

13. Applicant/Cambridgeshire County Council – Clarify position on section 106 (anti-social behaviour) [REP3-052] and Applicant's position that it is not to be finalised.

The Council respond as follows:

Cambridgeshire County Council accepts the Applicant's position that this agreement is not to be finalised.

In relation to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP), Policy 18 is noted in the Council's LIR [REP1-133] as a relevant policy, the Council confirmed that in the context of transport and traffic matters the policy would have relevance only in so much as transport may have an impact on amenity but that the essence of the policy relates more to wider Amenity Considerations and therefore of limited relevance for the consideration of transport issues.

	<p>The ExA asked the Council whether the proposed development complies with Policy 23 of the MWLP. The Council referred the ExA back to their LIR [REP1-133] and section 13 which deals more widely with the other relevant local plan and transport policy related strategy.</p> <p>The Council are satisfied all individual aspects of Policy 23 of the MWLP have been applied and are met. The development therefore would meet the requirements of Policy 23 and comply with it.</p>
	(g) Arrangements for submitting comments on the Applicant's recent Additional Submissions
<p>3 Review of issues and actions arising</p>	
<p>4 Any Other Matters</p>	<p>Under AOB, the ExA asked again about the s106 matters as discussed under agenda item 2f. Please see responses above in relation to this and the related Action points that have since been issued.</p>