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PINS Ref: WW010003
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To All Interested Parties,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Anglian Water Services Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project.

Following the completion of the Examination on 17 April 2024, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 12 July 2024. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.

On the 19th of July 2024, after the completion of the Examination by the Examining Authority, the Secretary of State received from Anglian Water via its solicitor, a Cumulative Impact Assessment Review.

All Interested Parties are invited to submit a response to this new information should they wish to do so.

Responses to the requested information should be submitted by email only to:
CambridgeWWTPR@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 10 September 2024.

Responses will be published on the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 10 September 2024.



This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Secretary of State

**The Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project ('CWWTPR')
PINS APPLICATION REF. WW010003**

The Examination into our client Anglian Water's Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the above project concluded on 17 April 2024 and we understand that the recommendation report from the Examining Authority (ExA) has now been submitted for your review before making your final decision.

During the DCO Examination, Anglian Water reviewed the cumulative projects list and presented to the ExA updates of the Cumulative Effects chapter of the ES (Table 2-6: Cumulative Effects Long List of Developments in Environment Statement and ES Chapter 22, REP2-009 and REP6-044). Table 2-6 sets out the long-list of developments considered for the cumulative effects assessment and identifies those developments that have been taken forward for further assessment at Stages 3 and 4 of the process, as set out at section 3 of ES Chapter 22. These developments are categorised into three principal tiers, which assigns each according to the level of detail that is available and therefore the 'certainty' that may be attributed to the assessment of potential effects. Emerging North East Cambridge AAP (Policy 1) (Item 18 in Table 2-6 of REP6-044) combines various projects within that area and is considered as a 'Tier 3' development given the relatively early stage that the various projects had reached at that time.

Through consideration of the available information for each of the identified developments, and taking into account mitigation, no significant cumulative effects are identified, other than the beneficial multiplier socio-economic effects associated with the relocation of the existing Cambridge WWTP, which facilitates the development of North East Cambridge.

Since the close of the DCO Examination, Anglian Water has noted that the status of some of the developments listed in Table 2-6 has changed as recorded on online records and a number of new applications have been submitted that might impact on CWWTPR. We considered it helpful and appropriate to inform the Secretary of State of these updates and therefore attach a schedule which lists these changes as a further update to Table 2-6: Cumulative Effects Long List of Developments and which provides Anglian Water's assessment of whether these changes give rise to the possibility of any new significant cumulative effects which have not already been considered.

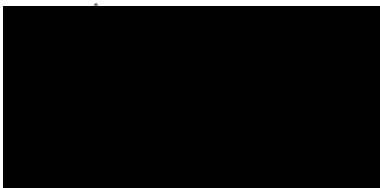
Whilst it is inevitable in the timescales applying to the DCO consenting process that circumstances (i.e. relating to other developments which, when considered with the project being considered, may give rise to cumulative effects) may change, we have considered it prudent to review these projects and to confirm whether the conclusion previously reached persists. For the reasons set out in the attached schedule, none of the changes in status of the developments listed in Table 2-6 nor any new applications that have since been made raise any new details/considerations which are considered likely to give rise to any new significant cumulative effects that have not already been considered. They therefore do not change the assessment of cumulative impacts or the conclusions of our ES that no significant cumulative effects are



identified, other than the beneficial multiplier socio-economic effects associated with the relocation of the existing Cambridge WWTP, which facilitates the development of North East Cambridge.

This is a matter which we have considered should rightly be brought to your attention so that your decision on this DCO application reflects the most up-to-date information available.

Yours sincerely



John Bowles
Director

Enclosure – Cumulative Impact Assessment Review, Mott Macdonald, 17 July 2024

Project:	CWWPTR Construction phase support		
Our reference:	100120041-003-MMD-ES-TN-002-P02	Your reference:	<Insert Text>
Prepared by:	Matthew Coe	Date:	19/07/2024
Approved by:	Emma Lunt	Checked by:	Iva Biskup
Subject:	Cumulative Impact Assessment Review		

1 Introduction

The DCO examination for CWWTPR closed on the 17th April 2024 and the ExA's recommendation was sent to the Secretary of State on the 12th July 2024. Anglian Water has noted that a number of new planning applications have been submitted since the close of the Examination. Online records have also been updated to show that the status of some planning applications has also changed from the positions reported in ES Chapter 22 Cumulative Effects Assessment. In the interests of robustness, even though it is considered that any new EIA planning applications would need to consider their cumulative effects with CWWTPR, Mott MacDonald have been instructed by Anglian Water to review each of these schemes and proactively confirm whether any of these changes give rise to any new significant cumulative effects that have not already been considered in ES Chapter 22 Cumulative Effects Assessment [REP6-043]. The outcomes of this review are described in Tables 1-1 and 1-2.

Table 1-1: Review of new applications appearing in online records since last update of REP6-043 and whether these change cumulative effects assessment conclusions

Cumulative scheme	Review of whether cumulative scheme changes cumulative effects assessment conclusions
<p>Reference 24/02432/SCOP – Hartree Site</p> <p>Address Land North And East Of Cowley Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB4 0AP</p> <p>Description EIA Scoping Opinion request pursuant to Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) for outline planning application for a strategic mixed use development.</p> <p>Validation date 26/06/2024</p> <p>Decision Status Awaiting Decision</p> <p>Application link https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/caseDetails.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=SFOKY6DX0OH00</p>	<p>No impact on conclusions of CWWTPR cumulative effects assessment. No construction cumulative assessment completed because both CWWTPR and Hartree assume there is no construction overlap (because CWWTPR need to finish relocation before Hartree can start development). Operational cumulative effects could include LVIA, but building heights (10 storeys) given in EIA Scoping Report considered unlikely to change CWWTPR's conclusion that no cumulative LVIA effects likely due to intervening vegetation and development.</p>
<p>Reference 24/02161/SCRE</p> <p>Address Street Record Newmarket Road Stow Cum Quy Cambridgeshire</p> <p>Description Request for an EIA Screening Opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for Swaffham Greenway. a new active travel path linking Swaffham Prior and Cambridge.</p> <p>Validation date 31/05/2024</p> <p>Decision Status Awaiting Decision</p> <p>Application link https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/caseDetails.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=SELM8JDX0OH00</p>	<p>No impact on conclusions of CWWTPR cumulative effects assessment. Application is for EIA screening only, which would not meet requirements of Tier 3 as per PINS Advice Note 17 and would not normally be taken forward to Stage 3/4 assessment. Distance between this scheme and CWWTPR is approximately 1km. If included precautionarily, then only area where potential for cumulative effects with CWWTPR could be landscape and visual effects during construction and year 1 of operation, but given intervening vegetation/development, this is considered unlikely.</p>
<p>Reference 24/02163/SCRE</p> <p>Address Street Record Newmarket Road Stow Cum Quy Cambridgeshire</p> <p>Description Request for an EIA Screening Opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for Bottisham Greenway.</p> <p>Validation date 31/05/2024</p>	<p>No impact on conclusions of CWWTPR cumulative effects assessment. Application is for EIA screening only, which would not meet requirements of Tier 3 as per PINS Advice Note 17 and would not normally be taken forward to Stage 3/4 assessment. If included precautionarily, then only area where potential for cumulative effects with CWWTPR could be landscape and visual effects during construction and year 1 of operation, but given intervening</p>

Cumulative scheme**Review of whether cumulative scheme changes cumulative effects assessment conclusions**

Decision Status	Awaiting Decision	vegetation/development, this is considered unlikely. Note that the EIA screening letter says there are no other major planning applications within 1km of the scheme, however, distance between that scheme and CWWTPR is circa 850m. This still does not change the conclusions of the CWWTPR cumulative effects assessment.
Application link	https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/caseDetails.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=SELNH8DX0OH00	
Reference	24/01079/FUL	Previously identified as Screening Opinion under Item 28 23/02764/SCRE.
Address	440 Cambridge Science Park Milton Cambridge South Cambridgeshire CB4 0QA	No impact on conclusions of CWWTPR cumulative effects assessment. Application is a non EIA planning application, so environmental effects of this scheme are not significant. Development is on greenfield plot within existing Cambridge Science Park. Development would be surrounded by existing buildings within the Cambridge Science Park. Distance between this scheme and CWWTPR is circa 950m. The closest part to CWWTPR is the existing WWTP. Cumulative effects considered unlikely due to intervening built development. Future traffic movements likely small in comparison to the assumptions for future growth already included in CWWTPR traffic modelling.
Description	Erection of a Research and Development / Office building (use Class E) and associated landscaping, car and cycle parking, infrastructure works and plant.	
Validation date	21/03/2024	
Decision Status	Awaiting Decision	
Application link	https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/caseDetails.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=SAPIT4DXFW00	
Reference	24/00988/SCOP	No impact on conclusions of CWWTPR cumulative effects assessment. Development is on an existing industrial estate circa 400m south of existing Cambridge WWTP. EIA Scoping Reports says height of proposed buildings would be up to 27.85m. Cumulative effects considered unlikely due to intervening built development between this site and the proposed WWTP and given that works limited to minor decommissioning at the existing WWTP. Cumulative LVIA effects during operation following redevelopment of existing WWTP would be for future developers to consider. Future traffic movements likely small in comparison to the assumptions for future growth already included in CWWTPR traffic modelling.
Address	Trinity Hall Farm Industrial Estate Nuffield Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire	
Description	Request for a formal Scoping Opinion pursuant to Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environment Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for the demolition of the existing structures, excavation to construct a basement level for car/cycle parking, and the development of new commercial floorspace (up to c.40,000 m2 GIA including the basement area). Vehicle access to continue to be via the existing approach from Nuffield Road. Pedestrian and cycle access to be included from Milton Road and alongside the Guided Busway.	
Validation date	14/03/2024	
Decision Status	Awaiting Decision	
Application link	https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/caseDetails.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=SAE1IHDX0CX00	
Reference	24/00687/FUL	

Cumulative scheme**Review of whether cumulative scheme changes cumulative effects assessment conclusions**

Address	Quy Mill Hotel Church Road Stow Cum Quy Cambridgeshire CB25 9AF	Resubmission of application previously identified as application under Item 29 23/01287/FUL.
Description	Extensions and alterations to hotel to provide additional bedrooms and associated facilities including extension to restaurant and spa and gym, demolition of outbuildings, single storey extensions on northern elevation of main building, creation of opening on southern elevation of Quy Mill building and removal of internal walls and fabric to enable alterations and enhancements to Quy Mill and Mill House together with associated car parking provision, landscaping and associated infrastructure (Re-submission of 23/01287/FUL)	No impact on conclusions of CWWTPR cumulative effects assessment. Application is a non EIA planning application, so environmental effects of this scheme are not significant. Distance between this scheme and CWWTPR is circa 550m. Originally included in CWWTPR cumulative effects assessment under ref 23/01287/FUL (see ID 29 in Table 2-6 of REP6-043), which concluded that cumulative effects unlikely. Future traffic movements likely small in comparison to the assumptions for future growth already included in CWWTPR traffic modelling. No changes to current application that would change this conclusion.
Validated Date	26/02/2024	
Decision Status	Awaiting Decision	
Application Link	https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=S9GFNUDXM8L00&activeTab=summary	

Table 1-2: Review of schemes that have been determined or changed status as recorded in online records since last update of REP6-043 and whether these change cumulative effects assessment conclusions

Cumulative scheme	Review of whether cumulative scheme changes cumulative effects assessment conclusions
<p>Reference 22/02771/OUT – Brookgate Site</p> <p>Address Land North Of Cambridge North Station Milton Avenue Cambridge Cambridgeshire</p> <p>Description A hybrid planning application for: a) An outline application (all matters reserved apart from access and landscaping) for the construction of: three new residential blocks providing for up to 425 residential units and providing flexible Class E and Class F uses on the ground floor (excluding Class E (g) (iii)), and two commercial buildings for Use Classes E(g) i(offices), ii (research and development) providing flexible Class E and Class F uses on the ground floor (excluding Class E (g) (iii)),together with the construction of basements for parking and building services, car and cycle parking and infrastructure works. b) A full application for the construction of three commercial buildings for Use Classes E(g) i (offices) ii (research and development), providing flexible Class E and Class F uses on the ground floor (excluding Class E (g) (iii)) with associated car and cycle parking, the construction of a multi storey car and cycle park building, together with the construction of basements for parking and building services, car and cycle parking and associated landscaping, infrastructure works and demolition of existing structures.</p> <p>Validation date 15/06/2022</p> <p>Decision Status Appeal Allowed -30/04/2024</p> <p>Application link https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RDKHTJDX0HK00</p>	<p>No impact on conclusions of CWWTPR cumulative effects assessment. Scheme was already classed as Tier 1, assumed that construction would overlap with CWWTPR and taken forward to stage 3/4 assessment (see ID 9 in Table 2-6 of REP6-043).</p>
<p>Reference 23/01878/FUL</p> <p>Address 59 Cowley Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB4 0DN</p> <p>Description Change of use and refurbishment of existing car showroom and new-build two-storey extension to create a new Operational Hub, reconfiguration and refurbishment of existing MOT garage to provide upgraded office and storage space, car and van parking, cycle parking, landscaping, and associated infrastructure.</p> <p>Validation date 15/05/2023</p> <p>Decision Status Granted Permission on 14/06/2024</p> <p>Application link https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/caseDetails.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=RTF0Z8DX0CX00</p>	<p>No impact on conclusions of CWWTPR cumulative effects assessment. Scheme was already classed as Tier 1, assumed that construction would overlap with CWWTPR. Not taken forward to stage 3/4 assessment as a) considered to have no significant or cumulative effects and b) is within NECAAP and the allocation for this (see ID 18 in Table 2-6 of REP6-043) was carried through to stage 3/4 assessment and planning applications overlapping with this were not taken forward to avoid double counting.</p>

2 Conclusion

In conclusion, none of the schemes identified are considered to give rise to any new significant cumulative effects that have not already been considered. No further action is required.