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Dear Secretary of State

I am writing in response to your letter inviting interested parties to comment on Anglian Water's updated cumulative impact assessments and I thank you for this opportunity.

Firstly, I would like to fully endorse the response sent to you by the Save Honey Hill Group. They have worked tirelessly on behalf of many that have found Anglian Water's proposal and DCO application distressing and the process of inspection, complex.

There is now a new government in place dealing with many fiscal challenges, and to me, it seems a good opportunity to reflect on this proposed project as a whole and to question its merits. The oppositions to this project are well documented throughout the examination process, that cover practical, economical, environmental, ethical and moral considerations.

Probably the biggest single issue is there is no need for the relocation of the Water Treatment Works. In recent years the current site has been upgraded and there is space for any further development and future proofing.

This project has demonstrated a gross misuse of 'levelling up funds' (taxpayers money). The key mission of levelling up was to bring up the level of places left behind eg former industrial regions). Cambridge is one of the most prosperous parts and current planning is only serving to make it unequal. It does nothing for local people.

Cambridge is currently house building on steroids, that are products subject to market forces and overseas buyers. The current extent of development is unable to support the necessary health, education and social needs on these new estates.

Couple this with, it being the driest region, we are on course to create some real ecological, environmental and economic problems in the long term. We are working against if not destroying nature and that is a Cumulative Impact that Anglian Water and its proposed move are not accounting for.

It really is time for a massive rethink and I hope you can take this opportunity to do so.

Yours sincerely
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