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All Interested Parties.

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To whom it may concern,

## **PLANNING ACT 2008 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**

**APPLICATION BY ANGLIAN WATER (“THE APPLICANT”) FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMBRIDGE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT RELOCATION PROJECT (“THE APPLICATION”).**

### **INVITATION FOR FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

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 Application to the Secretary of State on 12 July 2024.

On 19 July 2024, the Applicant submitted to the Secretary of State an updated Cumulative Impact Assessment on which public representations have since been sought and received.

The Secretary of State now invites further representations on one further matter as detailed below.

### **Emerging Planning Policy**

On 30 July 2024 the Government indicated an intention to revise national planning policy through:

- a. [The Deputy Prime Minister’s statement to the House of Commons entitled ‘Building the Homes We Need’;](#)
- b. [The Deputy Prime Minister’s letter to all local authorities in England entitled ‘Playing your part in building the homes we need’;](#)
- c. [The publication of a revised draft of the National Planning Policy Framework \(‘NPPF’\); and](#)

- d. [The launch of a consultation entitled 'Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system.'](#)

The Government has indicated an intention to respond to the consultation and publish NPPF revisions before the end of 2024.

All Interested Parties are invited to make representations on the content of the documents at (a) to (d) above, addressing:

- the extent to which the proposed revisions to national planning policy, in particular as regards house building and green belt, are relevant to the determination of the Application; and
- the weight that a decision-maker should attach to the proposed revisions i) while they remain in draft; and ii) in the event they become adopted national planning policy.

## **DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES**

Responses to the requested information should be submitted by email only to: [CambridgeWWTPR@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:CambridgeWWTPR@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) by 23.59 on 13 November 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 13 November 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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