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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make the following comments regarding DEFRA's invitation of 20th January 2025 to comment on the governments changes to the NPPF in respect to the Green Belt.

Anglian Water have acknowledged that there is no operational need to relocate the existing sewage works situated on a brownfield site. The existing works have been futureproofed to meet further growth. There is capacity to expand their operation at the existing brownfield site to meet increasing need. It will also prevent pollution of the greenfield land of the proposed relocated site.

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) adopted 2021 Local Plan Pages 254 -255 clearly states the importance of the Green Belt "Planning History One site within this broad location was considered through the South Cambs LDF, proposed as an Objection Site (2006). The 2004 Local Plan Inspector's report rejected development on open land on the east side of Horningsea Road. Various planning applications have been refused for being in the Green Belt, where development would progressively detract from the open and rural appearance and character of the area and would constitute the undesirable consolidation of the ribbon of development stretching north along Horningsea Road."

"The 2002 Green Belt Study LDA for South Cambs District Council Council) characterised the area as "Landscape essential to the special character and setting of Cambridge. To be preserved. No scope for substantial development through Green Belt releases."

The site of the proposed relocation is high grade food producing arable land . There is an aquifer that runs through the proposed site.

Link to SCDC Local Plan <https://www.scams.gov.uk/media/5804/local-plan-io-report-complete.pdf>

Waterbeach New Town East granted planning application S/2075/18/OL 4.500 dwellings (granted approval) are included as an addition to the housing targets in SCDC adopted 2021 Local Plan. This would compensate for the loss of proposed housing on the existing WWTP site.

There is no operational requirement for the WWTP to be relocated to the Cambridge Green Belt to serve Waterbeach New Town as provision has been by Anglian water made for the New Town to be served from the existing location.

By keeping the CWWTP where it is it will save the Tax Payer at least £277m and protect the Green Belt to prevent the coalescence of Cambridge City with neighbouring villages.

Yours faithfully,

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