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Dear Alex

**Request for Direction by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 - The Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project**

Thank you for your letter of 1 December to the Secretary of State which submitted Anglian Water's formal request for a section 35 Direction under the Planning Act 2008 ("2008 Act") for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant relocation project (CWWTRP).

I am writing under section 35A(3) of the 2008 Act to seek more information from Anglian Water for the purpose of enabling the Secretary of State to decide whether to give the direction requested, and, if so, the terms in which it should be given.

The information being requested relates to:

**1. The relevant Area Action Plans / Local Plans being referenced in the request letter**

- i. You refer in your letter (page 1) to the recently published South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils' recently published Area Action Plan, the implementation of which is being supported by the proposed relocation of the plant. There are however a number of plans concerning Cambridgeshire which appear online, some of which are still in draft stages. In order to ensure we are considering the correct plan, please provide a copy or the plan or a link to the appropriate website.
- ii. You refer also (page 2) to the Greater Cambridge Local Plan – this appears to be the relevant website page for this developing document – please confirm this. <https://greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/>
- iii. On page 4 you reference Policy 15 of the adopted Cambridge Local Plan 2018 (and corresponding Policy SS/4 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018). Please provide further detail.
- iv. It would also be useful if you could explain how these plans interact with / support each other and this project.

## **2. The importance of the relocation project to the strategic growth of Cambridge**

In page 2 of your letter you mention the relevance of the Government's Industrial Strategy to the growth of Cambridge and by extension to this project.

It would be helpful if you could expand on this point if possible, and provide copies of, or links to, the documents or evidence which underpin your comments on this point.

## **3. HIF funding and the timeline for the project**

Page 5 of your letter references the HIF funding which has been secured for the project and the obligations on Anglian Water to relocate and commission the CWWTPR and decommission the CWWTP by March 2028. Please provide documentation confirming the HIF funding and the conditions attached to it.

In addition, at our meeting of 4 November to discuss the project, you referenced the indicative timeline / milestones you would be working to in order to meet the 2028 deadline. Please provide written confirmation of these milestones and the timeline for completing them.

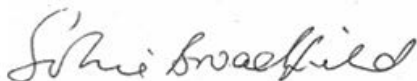
## **4. Powers available through a Development Consent Order**

On page 6 and in footnote 3 (page 7), you summarise some particular actions / permissions which will be required to deliver the project. You explain that:

- i. You will need to acquire land interests for the main site – please expand on this further, for example is this for all of the possible three main sites being considered, and the scale of land interests this involves;
- ii. There will be potential interference with the existing apparatus and infrastructure of a number of statutory undertakers who would expect Anglian Water to undertake any works to protect their interests. Please provide further details of those undertakers and the types of apparatus / infrastructure affected .
- iii. You refer to highways works and closures / diversions to both them and to some public rights of way. Please provide more detail of the scale of these closures / diversions.

In accordance with section 35A(4) of the 2008 Act, if this information is provided within 14 days of the date of Anglian Water receiving this information request, the Secretary of State will provide a response to your original request before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day he receives the requested information.

Yours sincerely



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