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By Email:

Dear Michael,

**King's Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan 2021-2040: Main Modifications Part 2 (Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople) consultation (October –November 2024) –Anglian Water Response**

Anglian Water is the statutory water and sewerage undertaker for the Borough Council for King's Lynn and West Norfolk and a statutory consultee under The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Anglian Water wants to proactively engage with the local plan process to ensure the plan delivers benefits for residents and visitors to the area, and in doing so protect the environment and water resources. As a purpose-led company, we are committed to seeking positive environmental and social outcomes for our region.

Anglian Water has engaged with the Council throughout the preparation of the Local Plan and the examination process and welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Schedule of Main Modifications Part 2 (Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople).

**Main Modification MM378:**

**New Policy: Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople**

We have previously engaged with the Council's consultations on the Gypsy and Traveller Site Assessments, and can confirm that we have no objections to the proposed sites set out in the New Policy: Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

As the Council will be aware through our engagement activities, Anglian Water and Cambridge Water have recently undertaken a second non-statutory consultation on the Fens Reservoir – a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP). Anglian Water and Cambridge Water are proposing a new reservoir in the Fens to help meet the growing demands on water supply in the East of England. The reservoir is central to bringing forward new supply options and is identified in the Water Resources East Regional Plan and the respective water companies' Water Resource Management Plans. Our recent consultation identified the associated water infrastructure that will be needed to transfer water to the reservoir, and from the reservoir to homes and businesses, in order to secure a resilient and sustainable supply for generations to come. A further review of the sites proposed in this new policy, has been undertaken to take account of the Fens Reservoir associated infrastructure. We can confirm that there appears to be no interfaces between the proposed pipeline corridor and new service reservoir, and the proposed Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople site allocations.

We support the policy requirement to ensure sites have the ability to connect to all necessary utilities (clause e), noting that foul drainage connections are unlikely to be feasible in many of the site locations, and alternative private wastewater treatment, such as package treatment plants, may be required.

We also agree that proposals need to address all forms of flood risk, including from groundwater, to ensure long term resilience to the impacts of climate change. As highlighted in our consultation response to the main modifications (Part 1) a number of communities are very susceptible to high groundwater levels, particularly in North West Norfolk, particularly over the winters of 2020/21 and 2023/24, where these communities suffered from extensive loss of service (unable to flush toilets, shower, wash up etc) as groundwater levels rose above the level of the sewer (but often not high enough to cause an actual flood), inundating the public and private sewer networks in these communities.



**New Policy: Caravans, Park Homes and Houseboats**

Anglian Water notes that clause 2 of this new policy sets out the policy requirements for additional private houseboat moorings. We recommend that this policy should be further strengthened to minimise any adverse impacts, by requiring proposals for new permanent residential moorings to have adequate access to wastewater pump out facilities that connect to the main sewer (and their is available headroom at the receiving water recycling centre). We suggest that the Council considers elements of the comprehensive policy (DM37) on new residential moorings in the adopted Local Plan for The Broads which requires “an adequate and appropriate range of ancillary facilities on site to meet the needs of the occupier of the residential moorings”.

Please do not hesitate get in touch, should you have any further queries.

Kind regards,

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