

Cambourne to Cambridge Public Transport Scheme- Anglian Water and Cambridge Water Representation

Anglian Water and Cambridge Water

Anglian Water Services Limited (Anglian Water) is the statutory sewerage undertaker for the area through which the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge public transport scheme runs (herein referred to as the Proposed C2C Scheme) whilst Cambridge Water is the statutory water undertaker for the area.

Anglian Water is the largest regulated water and water recycling company in England and Wales by geographic area, supplying water and water recycling services to almost seven million people in the East of England and Hartlepool. As a purpose led business Anglian Water is committed to bringing environmental and social prosperity to the region, through its commitment to Love Every Drop. Anglian Water seeks to contribute to the environmental and social wellbeing of the communities within the region.

Cambridge Water (part of South Staffordshire Water) is a water only company supplying high-quality drinking water to around 351,000 people in and around the city of Cambridge. Its operating area extends from Ramsey in the north to beyond Melbourn in the south, and from Gamlingay in the west, to the east of Cambridge city. Cambridge Water has been providing an essential service to customers since 1853, when it was founded in the interests of public welfare to supply clean water and is firmly embedded in the communities it serves.

Anglian Water and Cambridge Water have existing assets in proximity to the Proposed C2C Scheme. Together they are the “Project Promoters” for the proposed Fens Reservoir scheme which the Proposed C2C Scheme overlaps. Anglian Water is also seeking to deliver a new pipeline scheme between Grafham and Cambridge and ultimately to Rede (herein referred to as the “proposed Grafham to Rede pipeline scheme”) which will include a connecting spur to Cambridge Water’s existing assets which the Proposed C2C scheme will overlap.

Consultation Response

The Project Promoters have been engaging positively with the Applicant in relation to the Proposed C2C Scheme. The Project Promoters have no objections in principle to the detail provided to date in relation to the proposed alignment, layout or other design details shown on the submitted plans for the Proposed C2C Scheme within the context of the proposed Fens Reservoir scheme. Notwithstanding this, the Project Promoters wish to submit a **holding objection** at this stage to allow for further, more detailed discussions, in relation to the detailed interface of the proposed Fens Reservoir scheme, the connecting spur of the proposed Grafham to Rede pipeline scheme and local existing assets to ensure that these projects and the Proposed C2C Scheme do not prejudice one another and reduce the overall impact to the local community.

The Project Promoters are in the process of refining their design proposals for the Fens Reservoir and the connecting spur of the proposed Grafham to Rede pipeline scheme, and wish to continue liaising with the Applicant and the Greater Cambridge Partnership to ensure that all of the schemes if consented can be successfully delivered without impediment or delay.

The Project Promoters are confident, based on discussions to date, that agreement on any potential matters arising from the interface between the schemes can be addressed thereby allowing the removal of this holding objection.

Proposed Developments

The order limits for the Proposed C2C Scheme lie immediately adjacent to existing Cambridge Water infrastructure at the Madingley Service Reservoir site into which there are existing below ground infrastructure connections which may be directly impacted. The order limits also overlap with an area of land being promoted by Cambridge Water and Anglian Water jointly for a new public water supply connection from the proposed Fens Reservoir. The Project Promoters have been actively engaging with the Applicant and the Greater Cambridge Partnership as to how best to manage the relationship between the two projects to ensure one does not prejudice the other.

The Fens Reservoir project (see [A proposed new reservoir in the Fens - Anglian Water - Fens Reservoir](#)), including new public water supply connections such as at Madingley, is proposed to be the subject of an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008.

The Fens Reservoir is identified in Anglian Water's adopted Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) ([Water resources management plan](#)) and Cambridge Water's draft WRMP ([Our Water Resources Management Plan | Cambridge Water](#)) as a new strategic resource option. As such, in accordance with Government policy as contained in the National Policy Statement for Water Resources [National Policy Statement for water resources infrastructure - GOV.UK](#), the national and regional need for this project is established.

A new clean water pipeline is proposed from the reservoir which will be located to the north of Chatteris and east of Doddington and Wimblington, to a new service reservoir located at Madingley where an existing Cambridge Water service reservoir is located. The pipeline will cross the Proposed C2C Scheme close to Madingley with works proposed adjacent to and within Cambridge Water's operational site.

The Planning Inspectorate has recently issued a Scoping Opinion for the Fens Reservoir (see [WA010004-000074-WA010004 - Scoping Opinion.pdf](#)). Submission of the DCO application is currently planned for late 2026/early 2027. The Fens Reservoir scheme needs to be delivered to facilitate the future growth of Cambridge (see [Addressing water scarcity in Greater Cambridge: update on government measures - GOV.UK](#)).

Anglian Water is also proposing a new strategic pipeline from Grafham to Cambridge and ultimately onto Rede which will provide water to Cambridge in the period before the Fens Reservoir is delivered. The proposed Grafham to Rede pipeline scheme will be the subject of a planning application under the Town and County Planning Act 1990. The submission of the an application for the Grafham to Cambridge section is currently planned for late 2026/2027, with works expected to commence in 2028 should that application be successful. The main route of the pipeline is to the north of the Proposed C2C Scheme but will require a spur into Madingley to connect into Cambridge Water's existing service reservoir. This spur will overlap with the Proposed C2C Scheme.

Existing Assets

Early engagement with the Applicant and the Greater Cambridge Partnership to date has helped to ensure consideration has been given to the interfaces between the Proposed C2C Scheme and Anglian Water's existing infrastructure to minimise the need for diversion of assets and therefore potential service disruption. Anglian Water has sought to include Protective

Provisions for Anglian Water within the draft Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO). Anglian Water welcomes the inclusion of the Protective Provisions within the draft TWAO, which reflect the version agreed between both parties to align with the proposed development.

Further engagement is needed directly with Cambridge Water in relation to their existing assets to ensure that Protective Provisions can be agreed.

Summary

The Project Promoters, Anglian Water and Cambridge Water, are submitting this **holding objection** to allow further more detailed discussions to continue in relation to the protection of existing assets and in relation to the proposed Fens Reservoir project and the proposed Grafham to Rede pipeline scheme spur to Madingley to ensure that if consented the schemes can be successfully delivered. The Project Promoters are confident based upon discussions to date that agreement can be reached thereby allowing the removal of this holding objection.