

Appendix G: Background to NEC AAP

Cambridge Waste-Water Treatment Plan (WTP)

The relocation of the WTP is a separate project to the preparation of the AAP and is being led by Anglian Water. The project will deliver local, regional and national benefits and is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). Anglian Water will submit a Development Consent Order application to the Planning Inspectorate. Planning permission is via a Development Consent Order (DCO), which is determined by the Secretary of State through an independently appointed planning inspector, rather than the waste authority, which is Cambridgeshire County Council. Anglian Water is working closely with the councils in their role as local planning authorities and therefore statutory consultees on the DCO process. The DCO process requires comprehensive consultation and is 'front-loaded', meaning the majority of community engagement is required to take place before the application is made. Anglian Water has advised that the first phase of statutory consultation on the DCO is planned for this summer. This community engagement on the relocation of the WTP is entirely separate to the consultation for the AAP, but will cross refer to each other so that interested parties understand how they can engage and respond to both projects.

Anglian Water has advised that the current programme for the DCO is to develop a consent order application for submission in Summer 2022 with a decision expected in late 2023.

The relocation of the WTP will enable redevelopment of the Anglian Water and City Council owned land – referred to as the 'core site'. Anglian Water and Cambridge City Council have formed a Joint Venture partnership to advance development of the core site and appointed U&I as their Master Developer for this project. The Joint Venture are already working with other key landowners to ensure a coherent approach across the area. However, new development on the core site cannot go ahead until the existing treatment plant is relocated but the intention is to create meanwhile uses in the interim and to commence preparation of a hybrid planning application for the site. It is not expected that there will be any formal planning application made in 2020 for meanwhile use of the site, but there will be a programme of early community engagement planned for the latter end of 2020.

Issues and Options consultation 2019

In addition to the consultation responses received to the Issues and Options consultation, preparation of the draft AAP has been informed by:

- meetings held with the major landowners and developers to discuss the aspirations they have for their sites;
- the outcomes of discussions held with the engagement Forums (Landowners Forum, Community Liaison Forum and Local Ward Member Forum) on key issues;
- a series of 'workshops' held to inform the preparation of a more detailed spatial framework for NEC, including strategic movement networks, green

and blue links, environmental constraints, land use distribution, and community facilities and place-making requirements;

- the analysis of social and physical infrastructure required to support new development and to deliver the spatial vision for the area; and
- the findings of topic papers and evidence base studies on a range of matters including transport; employment; housing; retail; community facilities; landscape and visual impacts; biodiversity; air quality; flood risk and sustainable drainage; development typologies; and development capacities.