

Community Liaison Group

Fens Reservoir

23rd October 2024



Welcome

- **Karen – Stakeholder Engagement Lead**
- **Sophie – Consents Lead**
- **Martha – Engineering Lead**
- **Roxanne – Communications Lead**
- **Issy – Communications Team**
- **Jack – Communications Team**
- **Grant – Regional Engagement Team**

Agenda

- **Welcome and introduction**
- **Review of previous CLG meeting**
- **Project update**
- **Consultation and feedback update**
- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process**
- **Next steps**
- **Project Q&A**
- **Close**



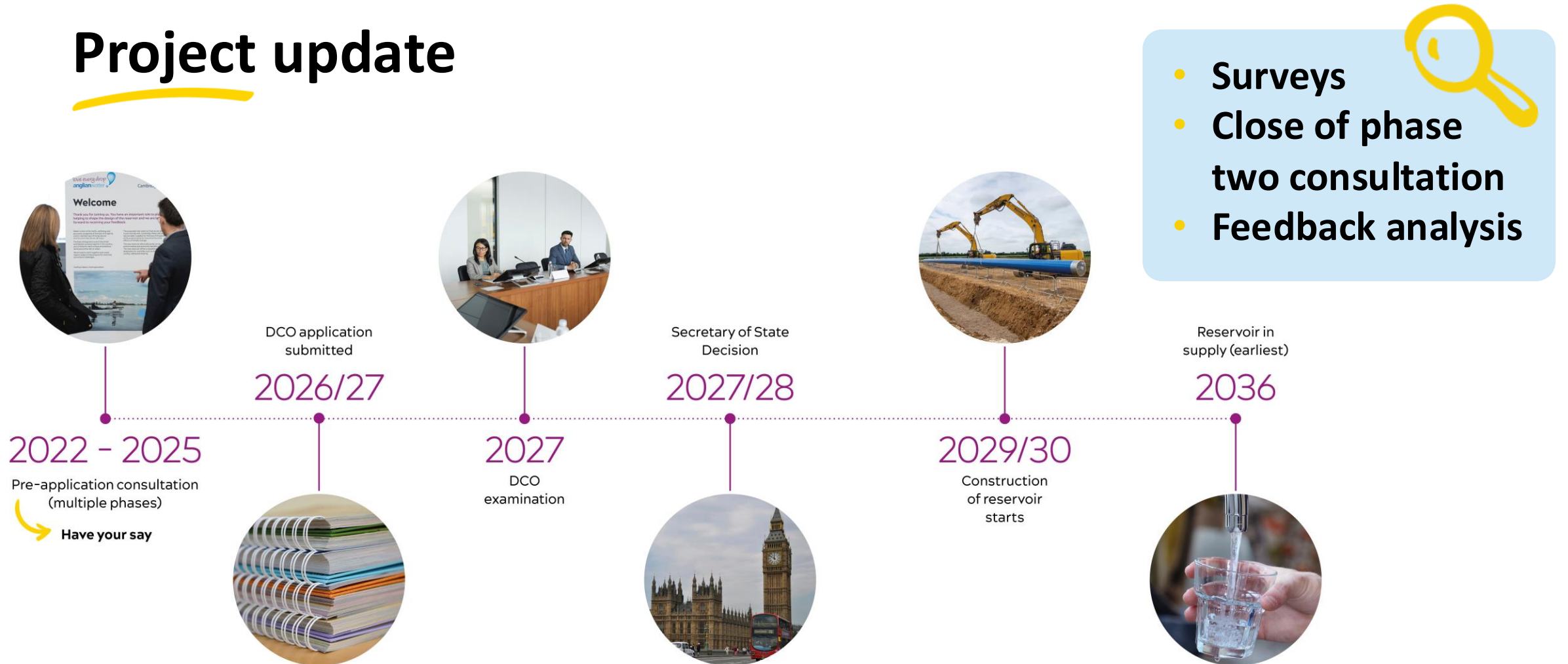
Actions from previous CLG



Project update



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Please note: this timeline is indicative only and may change as our proposals develop

Stakeholder engagement

Recently completed

- Notified stakeholders of the close of consultation.
- Engaged with statutory undertakers at our Asset Management Plan 8 (AMP8) event.

Future engagement

- Continuing with intrusive and non-intrusive surveys
- Continued engagement with parish, town, county and district councils and MPs to ensure they are kept up to date on the project.

We will publish a summary of the feedback we received during our phase two consultation later this year. All statutory stakeholders who submitted feedback will receive an individual response.

Consultation and feedback update



Consultation overview

Events



655 total attendees



11 in-person events



Two pop-up events



Two webinars

Feedback



469 feedback submissions



15k users visiting the website



46k page views



3.6k downloads of our materials

What people told us

Many people were positive about the emerging design and vision for the reservoir, and the opportunities it could bring for people, nature and the environment.

"It's a great idea - we live in one of the driest parts of the country and facilities to secure our water supply with a changing climate are beneficial."

"I am concerned about the impact of the overall height of the reservoir compared to the surrounding flat area."

"The design looks great, what a creative idea."

As we develop our proposals further, people want us to think carefully about:

- Effects on place and communities
- Roads and transport
- Agriculture and the local economy
- The natural environment
- Integration with the existing water network and watercourses

Next steps: EIA process



Environmental Impact Assessment - overview

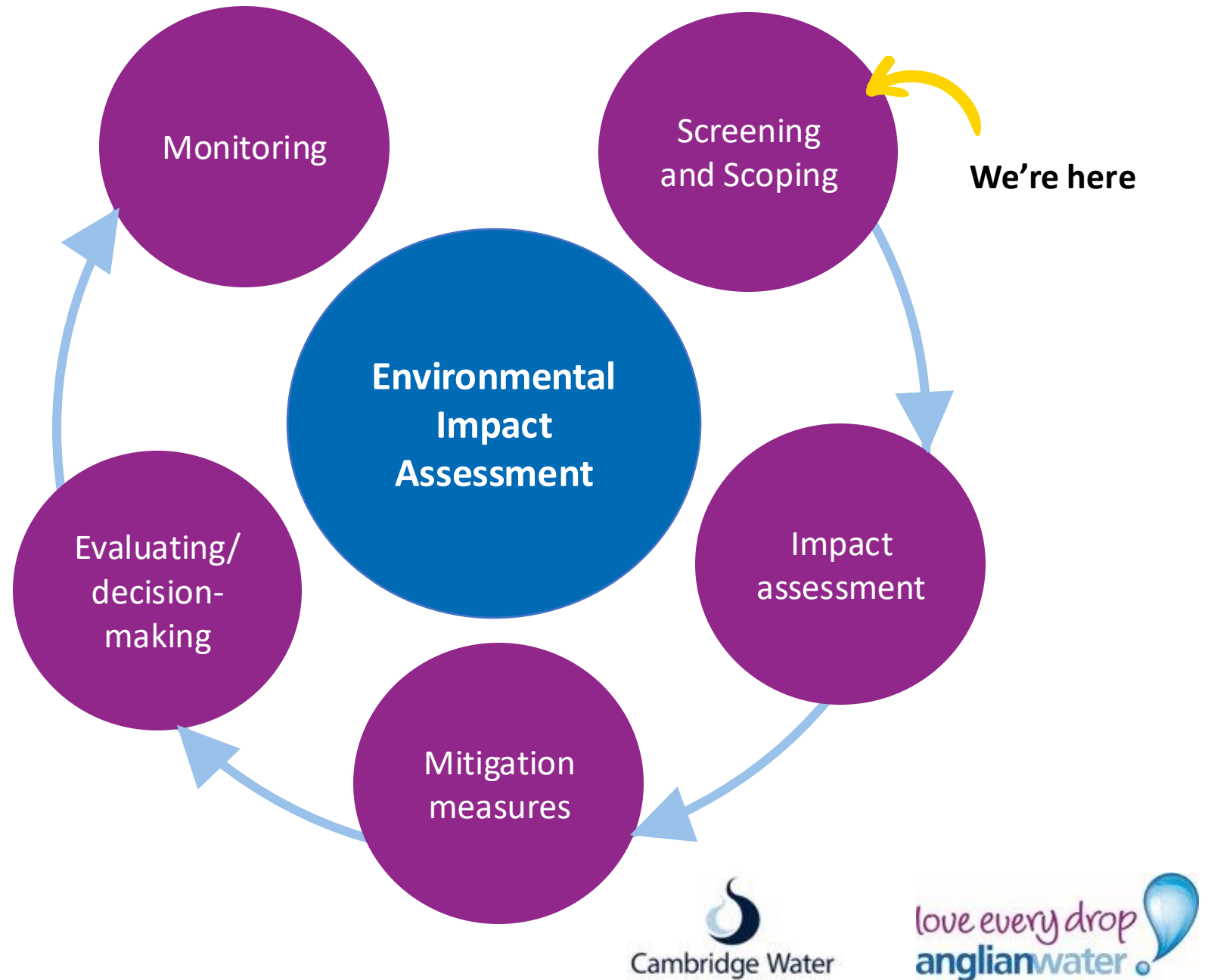
Gathering and analysing data to understand current environmental conditions and to identify likely significant effects of the project on these conditions, in both positive and negative terms.



The EIA process

Scoping

- Present assessment methodology and parameters to the Planning Inspectorate.
- Planning Inspectorate consults with statutory stakeholders on our proposed approach.
- Planning Inspectorate publishes scoping opinion following consultation.



Project Q&A



Next time

- The date for our next CLG meeting will be confirmed once we've identified the best time to provide a project update.
- A copy of the slides and a summary of today's meeting will be added to the project website www.fensreservoir.co.uk



Thank you!



Further project information:

- www.fensreservoir.co.uk
- Register for updates - www.fensreservoir.co.uk/register

