

Fens Reservoir Community Liaison Group

Summary of meeting

Date: 23 October 2024

Location: Doddington Village Hall

Attending organisations:

Wimblington Parish Council	The British Horse Society
Cambridgeshire ACRE	The Chatteris Feoffee Charity
Chatteris Town Council	Representatives of residents of Horseway
Doddington Parish Council	Fenland Bridleway Access Group
Fenland District Council	Great Ouse Valley Trust
Fenland Ramblers	

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Welcome and introduction

Karen (from Anglian Water) welcomed members to the fourth Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting and explained that the elected chair, David Connor, was unable to attend and had sent his apologies to the group.

Review of previous CLG meeting

The last CLG meeting was during the project's second phase of consultation and was a discursive session. As such there were no actions from the meeting. Members agreed there were no actions.

Project update

Anglian Water (AW) recapped the timeline for the project, noting that the timeline has not changed, and that AW are motivated and pushing to deliver the project as per the current timeline.

Between now and 2025 – when the next phase of consultation will take place- the following work will be undertaken:

2024

- Analysis of Phase 2 Consultation feedback- this will help AW identify where they need to do more work. AW are currently holding workshops to discuss this
- Consultation Summary Report – expected to be published in November
- Ongoing project development and stakeholder engagement
- Submission of the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate- submitted on the day of the CLG meeting (23 October 2024)
- Ongoing surveys
- Ongoing Landowner engagement

2025

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- Ongoing Landowner engagement
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Ongoing project development and stakeholder engagement
- Consultation (including further details on traffic and construction)

Consultation and feedback update

AW thanked CLG members present for their involvement in the project's second phase of consultation.

AW shared a summary of the feedback received during the consultation and gave some statistics.

A feedback summary report will be published by the end of the year sharing the feedback from the consultation.

Next steps

AW led a session on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. The EIA is a fundamental process which will help AW identify and assess potential impacts of the projects and how they can mitigate these where possible.

There are multiple stages to the EIA process. AW are currently in the screening and scoping phase of the process. The other stages are:

- Impact assessment
- Mitigation measures
- Evaluation/decision-making
- Monitoring

On 23 October, the day of the CLG meeting, AW submitted their EIA Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate. The Scoping Report sets out the proposed scope of work and methods to be applied in the development of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

The Planning Inspectorate will consult the project's statutory stakeholders on the scoping report. The feedback the Planning Inspectorate receives from the project's statutory stakeholders will inform the inspectorate's Scoping Opinion. The Planning Inspectorate's Scoping Opinion sets out their view on the Scoping Report and will help to inform the development of AW's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The EIA explores the potential impacts of the project and its proposed mitigation measures. The findings of AW's EIA work will be consulted on in a future consultation, as part of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and presented in an Environmental Statement which will accompany the application for consent.

The scoping report is published on the Planning Inspectorate website, [here](#).

To sign up for updates on the Fens Reservoir project from the Planning Inspectorate, please click [here](#).

Q&A

Opportunity for final questions from members.

Close

The Chair thanked everyone for coming.