

Anglian Water and Cambridge Water are proposing a new reservoir in the Fens that will secure water supply to our customers for future generations.



Our

public and stakeholder engagement initially focused on the reservoir site itself, which is between Chatteris and March, near to Doddington, Wimblington and Manea. This included a phase one consultation in autumn 2022. Since then, we have been developing an emerging design for the reservoir, as well as assessing options for the associated water infrastructure we need to transfer water to the reservoir, treat the water, and supply it to homes and businesses. Associated water infrastructure is being proposed in your area.

This week we have started a new phase of this work, beginning with engagement of landowners within the area who may be directly impacted by the associated water infrastructure. Following our engagement with landowners we will then hold a consultation to update the wider public on our proposed plans. In advance of this, we want to ensure you are up to date with our current proposals.

Together with its associated water infrastructure, the reservoir will store water so it's on tap when we need it, meeting the challenges of a changing climate and a growing population. It will mean less water is taken from sensitive sources, helping us to protect and restore the environment. The reservoir also presents social, economic and environmental opportunities for communities within the East of England.

Our consultation phase will run from 30 May to 25 July and will focus on the following areas:

The emerging design for the reservoir, showing opportunities for recreation, habitat creation and other features, and details about how we would likely operate the reservoir.

The locations and land areas we've identified for the associated water infrastructure needed to transfer water from sources to the reservoir, treat the water, and supply the treated water to homes and businesses.

As mentioned above, before we share our plans with the local communities, we will be engaging with landowners who may be directly affected by the associated water infrastructure proposals. We have a series of meetings arranged within the local area in order to speak to those landowners individually. We hope to meet with as many as possible before the consultation begins at the end of May.

We have recently published an artist's impression of the reservoir on our project website (www.fensreservoir.co.uk), to provide some high level information ahead of the consultation. Further information about the project will not be released until the launch of consultation on 30 May.

We would now like to invite you to an online webinar briefing on Thursday 30 May at 5:30pm - 7.00pm. This will allow us to provide further details on our proposals for the project and our phase two consultation. A registration invite for the webinar will follow shortly.

If you are able to attend or have any questions about the project and the forthcoming consultation, please contact info@fensreservoir.co.uk. Please can you also confirm the names, roles and email addresses of anyone else you'd also like to attend the briefing.

Kind regards

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