

# A proposed reservoir in the Fens - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping report

As we continue to analyse the vital feedback received during our phase two consultation, we wanted to make you aware that we will shortly be submitting our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping report to the Planning Inspectorate.

This report will set out what we believe needs to be assessed as part of the EIA process and have started to consider the ways in which we will make these assessments.

We have now requested an EIA scoping opinion from the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State, and at some point, over the coming weeks, they will be in touch seeking your feedback as an organisation. This process is managed by the Planning Inspectorate, not by Anglian Water.

This communication from the Planning Inspectorate will provide your organisation with an opportunity to review the scoping document and contribute to a 'scoping opinion' that will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate and will help us clarify the scope of assessment work required over the next few years. This ensures our EIA is comprehensive and effective as we develop our proposals.

The EIA will eventually be reported in an Environmental Statement (ES) that will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as part of our Development Consent Order application for the project. The ES will include the outcome of the assessment, including any likely significant effects on aspects such as traffic and transport and biodiversity.

Further information on the EIA process can be found on the [Planning Inspectorate's website](#), while our approach to the environment [fact sheet](#) also provides a useful summary.

We appreciate that this may be the first time your organisation has been asked to comment on a scoping report, so if you have any questions at all regarding the process, you can get in touch with the Planning Inspectorate via: [FensReservoir@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:FensReservoir@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

Kind regards

## **Fens Reservoir Project Team**

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

*To contact the Fens reservoir team, please email us at [info@fensreservoir.co.uk](mailto:info@fensreservoir.co.uk) or call our hotline on 0800 915 2492 and leave a message.*

*For any other enquiries about Anglian Water, please visit [www.anglianwater.co.uk/contact-us/](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/contact-us/).*