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Our proposed reservoir in the Fens

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In our latest e-newsletter, we announce the launch of our consultation on the proposed temporary earthworks trials, including how you can get involved and share your feedback. We also provide an update on our ongoing work to support communities across the Fens and introduce an exciting addition to our website, our new project benefits page.

Earthworks Trials consultation open

Consultation on our proposed earthworks trials is now open and will run until Wednesday 9 December.

We've been carrying out ground investigations to help us understand more about the area and how the reservoir could be designed and built. This includes surveys, boreholes and trial pits, all of which help us further our understanding of the conditions beneath the surface of the main reservoir site.

We're now proposing to take the next step in this work by carrying out temporary works on site, called earthworks trials.

The earthworks trials will build on what we have already learned and will help us understand the most effective way to build the reservoir, including how the clay should be handled and compacted, what construction methods work best, and how quickly the work can be carried out.

Before we can carry out the earthworks trials, we need to secure separate planning permission from Fenland District Council. This would allow the trials to commence as early as 2027 and ahead of our planned Development Consent Order application for the Fens Reservoir in 2028.

This is an exciting milestone in the project's journey. There is still more work ahead as we continue to develop and refine our plans, but these trials are an important step towards a final application and our longer-term ambition for a new reservoir where water, people and nature come together.

To learn more about our proposals for the earthwork trials please click the button below.

Visit our website to find out more



How to get involved

We are committed to working with residents and stakeholders as our plans develop and want to hear all views on our earthwork trials proposals.

We will be holding an event at Doddington Village Hall on Wednesday 25 November between 2pm and 6pm. We welcome you to come along, meet the team and ask questions.

We also want to hear what you think about our proposals. You can submit feedback:

- Online at: fensreservoir.co.uk/earthworks-trials
- By emailing: info@fensreservoir.co.uk

A new destination for Fenland

Our vision for the project goes beyond securing a sustainable water supply. We want to create a place where people, nature and water come together.

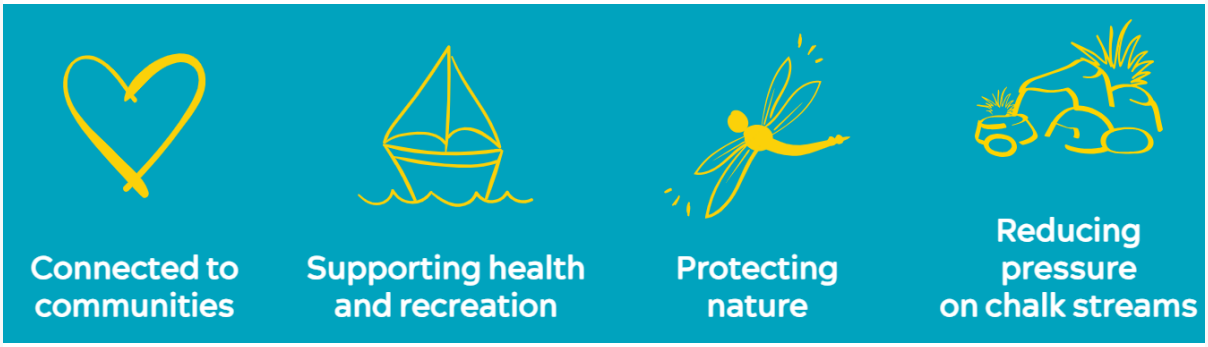
This vision is at the heart of everything we do, and we've now brought together more information about how we hope to make the Fens Reservoir a destination for communities, visitors and nature on a new benefits page on our website.

On the new page, you can explore what the reservoir could bring to the Fenland area, including:

- Creating stronger community connections
- Supporting health and recreation
- Protecting and enhancing nature
- Reducing pressure on chalk streams

To find out more, click the button below to explore our new benefits page.

Visit our new benefits page



Supporting communities across the Fens

Our Reservoirs Programme colleagues are helping to make a positive difference in communities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

We recently partnered with Groundwork East to help transform a preschool playground and garden in Littleport during the half term. From planting trees and wildflowers to improving green spaces and creating new composting facilities, the team rolled up their sleeves to help create a better outdoor environment for local children.

Supporting communities is an important part of how we're building connections across the Fens. If you know of a local project, charity or community group that could benefit from volunteer support, we'd love to hear from you and explore how we can work together to make a positive difference.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with the volunteering team at VolunteeringReservoirs@anglianwater.co.uk.





Anglian Water team volunteering at Littleport preschool

You are receiving this email as a subscriber to the Fens Reservoir project mailing list, found on the 'register for updates' page of the project website. We hope you found this information useful.

However, if you no longer wish to receive emails from the Fens Reservoir project team, please unsubscribe by emailing us with your request at info@fensreservoir.co.uk

Keeping your information secure is very important to us, so we also wanted to remind you about our privacy notice. This explains how Anglian Water Services Ltd, along with the contractors and selected third parties working on behalf of the Fens reservoir project, collect and use your data.

Our phase three consultation has now closed but if you have any questions or comments on the project, please do write to us at info@fensreservoir.co.uk or call our hotline on 0800 915 2492



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