

ANGLIAN WATER RESPONSE TO ExQ1:

Question DCO 1.S4 - Schedule 3 (Requirements) - General

In part ii) of this question, the ExA requests that the applicant, Anglian Water, the Environment Agency and any other relevant water company provides a form of wording for a water resources assessment requirement, should the ExA consider the inclusion of such a requirement is necessary in the draft DCO.

Anglian Water and the Applicant have continued to liaise regarding the water resources required to support the delivery of the Norwich to Tilbury Project. Anglian Water can confirm that the Applicant has submitted information to us regarding the Water Resources Assessment, and this information is currently undergoing internal review for a decision regarding whether the temporary supply of non-domestic water through the construction period is “acceptable in principle”. Anglian Water cannot guarantee a maximum daily demand request for non-domestic water until this is formally applied for by the Applicant, through submission of a Pre-Planning Application, and once agreed, this is only valid for 12 months.

Proposed wording for a Water Resources Assessment requirement:

Our suggested form of wording for such a requirement, is based on the requirement for a water resources assessment in the North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park (NLGEP) DCO, which was granted consent on 13 March 2025 – set out in Schedule 2 Requirements, Part 1, Paragraph 8.

[https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010116-001482-North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park - Development Consent Order.pdf](https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010116-001482-North%20Lincolnshire%20Green%20Energy%20Park%20-%20Development%20Consent%20Order.pdf)

Whilst the NLGEP DCO requirement for a Water Resources Assessment was to address the supply of water during the construction and operation of the Project, we consider that from the information provided in the Environmental Statement [Chapter 12 – APP-221] and supporting Outline Code of Construction Practice [Commitment Ref W16 - REP2-014], the non-domestic water demands of the Norwich to Tilbury Project are only likely to exceed our current 20m³/day limit during the construction phase, and therefore a WRA would be required for us to determine whether temporary water supplies during this period would be feasible.

For Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects that require over 20m³/day of non-domestic water for a scheme, a Water Resource Assessment must be completed. This is so we can better understand water demands, water efficiency measures and more effectively forecast water supply requirements. This will help enable us to support projects that help achieve national ambitions such as achieving net zero carbon and unlocking sustainable growth.

The suggested wording for requirement is set out below – we have applied the term ‘relevant water company’ in this requirement, as the Project order limits cross more than one water company supply area:

Water Resources Assessment

(1) No part of the Project may commence, save for the preliminary works, until a Water Resources Assessment is submitted to and agreed with the relevant water company following consultation with the Environment Agency on matters relating to their function and subsequently approved by the relevant planning authority. The Water Resources Assessment will include a scheme to deal with the supply of water during the construction of the authorised development including maximum daily demand, and water efficiency measures.

(2) The scheme submitted and approved under sub-paragraph (1) must be in accordance with the environmental statement and for the construction water supply must be included in an update to the code of construction practice submitted pursuant to Requirement 4(1).

(3) The scheme approved under sub-paragraph (1) must be implemented as approved throughout the construction of the Project unless agreed otherwise by the relevant planning authority following consultation with the Environment Agency and the relevant water company as necessary.

(4) For the purposes of this Requirement (a) provider for the Norwich to Tilbury Project under the Water Industry Act 1991 and responsible for ensuring the cumulative impacts of development do not compromise the supply of water for domestic purposes; and (b) assessments, calculations, risk assessments and other documents that are reasonably necessary properly and sufficiently to describe the source and supply of water for construction.