

ExQ2 - DCO 2.S1

Anglian Water Schedules 3 – General

Anglian Water's Non Domestic Water Requests Policy explains that Anglian Water has a statutory duty to supply water for domestic purposes – meaning that there is a legal obligation to supply water to all household properties as well as any domestic requirements of non-household properties. However, there is no statutory obligation to supply water for non-domestic demand which includes water use for industrial processes or construction activities, particularly where it might put at risk our ability to supply water for domestic purposes. This means that due to supply constraints as a result of abstraction reduction, we are having to decline requests for non-domestic water that exceed 20m³/day – the exception for this being Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects where we will review a Water Resources Assessment to consider whether we will be able to meet demand.

As explained in our response to ExQ1 [REP3-114], at that time the Applicant's initial WRA was being evaluated through our internal review process. Since this time, we have confirmed to the Applicant that in principle, the non-domestic water resource can be made available for the construction phase of Norwich to Tilbury within Anglian Water's supply area. Our response indicated that we would like to work with the Applicant to ensure that water efficiency and other mitigation measures such as water reuse, would be implemented, whilst not impeding the construction phase.

Anglian Water is aware of the commitment (W16) for the water supply needs of the project in the outline Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025]. This commitment does indicate that this will include mitigation such as measures to 'encourage' efficient water use. Anglian Water would also suggest that water reuse measures should be incorporated to help reduce the use of potable (drinking quality) water for non-domestic purposes such as dust-suppression and wheel-washing. We welcome the Applicant's intention to further define the connection requirements and complete submission of all required WRAs by Deadline 6.

In summary, we can confirm the non-domestic water demands of the project have been approved by Anglian Water in principle, for the purpose of satisfying the matter raised through our Relevant Representation [RR-0216]. However, requests are still subject to water efficiency and water reuse proposals being submitted to Anglian Water as part of each water connection application via our online customer portal, following DCO approval, to demonstrate that the non-domestic water requirements of the development through the construction phase are kept to a minimum. Under the water connection request process, Anglian Water reserves the right, upon receipt of formal applications for water connections, to assess the water efficiency and water reuse credentials of each site, prior to a daily volume (m³/day) of non-domestic water being ultimately agreed