

Anglian Water Services Limited (Anglian Water) is in active discussion with Highways England regarding the form of modified protective provisions within the DCO. These discussions include the approach to be taken to the A47 Blofield scheme and 4 other NSIP projects (A428 Black Cat, A47 Tuddenham, A47 Thickthorn and A47 Wansford). We note that Book of Reference identifies some 71 plots of land where Anglian Water assets will need to be moved or protected during construction of the project. Anglian Water is submitting this Written Representation in agreement with Highways England to ensure clarity on our position as a utility provider and occupier affected by the proposed scheme and so to assist the Examining Authority. This follows written advice from PINS on 12 July that as a statutory consultee Anglian Water could make Written Representations without the need to submit Relevant Reps. Anglian Water has no in principle objection to the scheme and seeks to ensure that through the agreement of protective provisions, we continue to provide customers with uninterrupted water and wastewater services during construction and then the operation of the scheme.

The issues on which we are in discussion with Highways England on this and other Highways England applications include:

1. Definitions, in particular apparatus.
2. The application of NRSWA and specifically where it applies, notification(s) to Anglian Water.
3. Anglian Water's facilities and rights when alternative apparatus has been constructed and is in operation to our reasonable satisfaction.
4. Step in rights for approved works and notification.
5. Clarity regarding the undertakers works near to or which affect Anglian Water apparatus in part to assist the undertaker in flagging and so minimise the risk of damage by Highways England's contractors.
6. Time limits being able to be altered by written agreement between the undertaker and Anglian Water.
7. Safeguards to ensure emergency works on our apparatus by the undertaker are carried using best endeavours to keep the impact of those emergency works on Anglian Water's apparatus and network on end-users/Anglian Water customers to a minimum.
8. Tightening up references so that paragraphs are self- contained were possible including when we incur expense on the undertaker's behalf.
9. Costs as a result on the undertaker's scheme which necessitate the provision of new Anglian Water infrastructure.
10. Ensuring definitions provide for adequate compensation following damage to Anglian Water's network by the undertaker.
11. The processes for exchange of documentation and requests by Anglian Water.
12. Pre - construction surveys and a Memorandum of Understanding on stage payments to Anglian Water with reconciliation at the end of works. With reference to the project timescales set out in Environmental Management Plan and Table 1-1 in that Plan, Anglian Water would welcome these steps - to assist scheme collaboration and to reduce potential abortive costs - being included with the scheme Implementation Plan developed during the NSIP determination process.