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14 November 2022

Dear Paul,

## **South Lincolnshire Reservoir gate two submission**

We have pleasure in submitting the gate two report for the South Lincolnshire Reservoir (SLR) strategic regional water resource solution. The companies have worked diligently and efficiently together through the gate two stage and we hope the submission demonstrates this and meets your requirements. We look forward to presenting the solution to you and colleagues on the 22nd November. If there are elements of the submission you would like to discuss in more detail, in addition to our presentation, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

As the South Lincolnshire Reservoir solution is selected in Anglian Water draft WRMP, but not the Affinity Water draft WRMP, it is proposed that the solution is taken forward to gate three as an Anglian Water only solution.

The report presents the details of our estimated development allowance. As we have highlighted in recent discussions, the current allocation as determined at PR19 is not sufficient to progress the solution through the remainder of the gates in AMP7. The ability for Anglian Water to continue to develop the solution to the standard required to achieve a successful DCO and to enable water to be brought into supply between 2039 and 2041, is subject to confirmation of adequate funding of the development costs being made available by RAPID and Ofwat, through the PR24 reconciliation mechanism.

We are committed to exploring all options to resolve this funding issue, including potentially sequencing the option differently with the other options in Anglian Water's draft WRMP. However, this would be a decision that would need to be made through the WRMP regulatory process and commensurate with the scale of the need

and strategic water resources challenges in the region and best value planning principles.

Our signed Board assurance statement is attached, confirming that both companies are fully supportive of this submission and the continued development of this option. This has been supported by a comprehensive assurance plan and third-party assurance, and representatives at Board level have been involved throughout the development.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support in developing this option through the RAPID process. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with RAPID, WRE and our stakeholders to progress this innovative solution that will bring multiple benefits to the region, our customers, and the environment.

Yours sincerely,



**Ian Tyler**  
Chair  
Affinity Water



**& John Hirst**  
Independent Chairman  
Anglian Water

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## South Lincolnshire Reservoir – RAPID gate two submission

### Board Assurance Statement

Each of the Anglian Water and Affinity Water Boards are satisfied that the data and approaches used to develop the concept design and decision-making information included within the gateway two submission:


- meets the requirements set out in Ofwat’s Final Determination, and subsequent additional feedback from Ofwat;
- have been subject to sufficient processes and internal systems of control to ensure that the information on design, costs and benefits contained in this submission are reliable;
- have been appropriately assured to give our stakeholders, including customers, trust and confidence in this gate two submission;
- and have appropriately considered the feedback and opinion of independent external assurance partners.

The Anglian Water and Affinity Water Boards confirm that they understand their roles in this joint scheme.

The Board confirms, subject to any material circumstances or issues noted, that:

- The Boards support the recommendation for the solution progression made in this submission and the recommendations for which options with the solution should be progressed;
- it is satisfied that progress on solution is commensurate with the solution being "construction-ready" for 2025-2030
- it is satisfied that the work carried out to date is of sufficient scope, detail and quality as would be expected of a large infrastructure scheme of this nature at this stage.
- is satisfied that expenditure has been incurred on activities that are appropriate for gate two and is efficient.

Statements	Considerations
<p>It supports the recommendations for solution progression made in this submission and the recommendations for which options with the solution should be progressed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The recommendations and methodology regarding scheme progress for the solution have been agreed by the scheme partners and discussed with RAPID</li> <li>The Project Steering Board and Board reviewed and discussed the conclusions and approved the recommendations for the solution</li> <li>Independent external assurance was completed on behalf of the SRO with findings reported to the Board</li> </ul>
<p>It is satisfied that progress on solution is commensurate with the solution being "construction-ready" for 2025-2030</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Project Steering Board reviewed the detailed project plan and the sources of data used to carry out the assessment</li> <li>The detailed project plan showing when the solution will be construction ready is in place and has been reported to the Board</li> <li>Independent external assurance was completed on behalf of the SRO with findings reported to the Board</li> </ul>
<p>It is satisfied that the work carried out to date is of sufficient scope, detail and quality as would be expected of a large infrastructure scheme of this nature at this stage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical teams drafted Concept Design Reports which were reviewed and approved by the Project Steering Board</li> <li>Peer review of documents focused on scope, detail and quality was completed with findings reported to the Project Steering Board</li> <li>Independent external assurance was completed on behalf of the SRO with findings reported to the Board</li> </ul>
<p>The Board is satisfied that expenditure has been incurred on activities that are appropriate for gate two and is efficient.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A detailed review on activity expenditure has been shared and reviewed at Project Steering Board with key findings reported to the Board</li> <li>A separate document providing evidence of efficient cost expenditure was drafted and approved by finance teams and reported to the Board</li> <li>Independent external assurance was completed on behalf of the SRO with findings reported to the Board</li> </ul>

<b>On behalf of:</b>	<b>Name and Position:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>
Anglian Water	John Hirst Independent Chairman	11 November 2022	
Affinity Water	Ian Tyler Chair	11 November 2022	