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**Attention: Mr Paul Hickey**

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14 November 2022

Dear Paul,

**Fens Reservoir gate two submission**

We have pleasure in submitting the gate two report for Fens Reservoir 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 Fens Reservoir solution is selected in both the Anglian Water and Cambridge Water draft WRMP, it is proposed that the companies continue to work in partnership to progress the solution to gate three.

The report presents the details of our estimated development allowance. As we have highlighted in recent discussions, the current funding envelope as determined at gate one when the solution joined the RAPID programme, is not sufficient to progress the solution through the remainder of the gates in AMP7. The ability for Anglian Water and Cambridge 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 2035 and 2037, is subject to confirmation of adequate funding of the development costs being made available by RAPID and Ofwat.

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,



**Lord Smith of Finsbury**  
Chair of South Staffordshire Water  
Plc, the owner of  
Cambridge Water



**& John Hirst**  
Independent Chairman  
Anglian Water



## **Fens Reservoir – RAPID gate two submission**

### **Board Assurance Statement**


Each of the Anglian Water and Cambridge 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 Cambridge 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.

<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	
Cambridge Water	<b>Lord Smith of Finsbury</b> Chair of South Staffordshire Water Plc, the owner of Cambridge Water	11 November 2022	