



**Breckland Local Plan  
Examination**

**Written statement**

**Matter 18: Infrastructure (additional work and  
proposed modifications)**

**Anglian Water Services Ltd**

**August 2018**

**1.57: Is the Council's revised approach, as set out in the additional work, to waste water treatment and pre-application enquires with Anglian Water Services justified?**

**1.58: Are the proposed modifications appropriate in this regard?**

Breckland Council submitted a note to the Planning Inspector on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June in relation to both waste water treatment and pre-application enquiries and Anglian Water (examination document EX.80). This included proposed modifications proposed by the Council in response to the issues raised by the Planning Inspector relating to the wording of the submitted Plan at hearing session held on the 18 May 2018.

Anglian Water was supportive of the wording of the submitted plan as outlined in our previous written statement for Matter 18. We have been in discussion with the Council regarding the proposed modifications and have agreed some amendments to the wording as set out in the Statement of Common Ground submitted on behalf of both parties.

The inclusion of this wording in the Local Plan is justified in that the Council's Water Cycle Study (examination document LP/E/5) identifies that there is a need for improvements to provide sufficient capacity within the foul sewerage network and in some cases receiving Water Recycling Centres (WRCs) to accommodate the additional foul flows from a number of proposed allocation sites.

The purpose of the proposed modifications is to ensure that sufficient evidence by the applicant to demonstrate that capacity within the foul sewerage network and (where relevant) receiving WRC can be made available in time to serve the development. This is consistent with the requirements of the National Planning Practice Guidance in relation to wastewater infrastructure and water quality (Paragraph: 002 Reference ID: 34-002-20140306).

Anglian Water considers that the wording as outlined in the Statement of Common Ground should be included in the Local Plan as this is to ensure that both the risk of downstream flooding within the foul sewerage network to our customers and the need to protect the water environment is fully considered.