



Central Lincolnshire Water Cycle Study Update **Position Statement April 2016**

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A joint Local Plan for the Central Lincolnshire area is being produced which will set the framework for how development will be considered across the districts of the City of Lincoln, North Kesteven and West Lindsey to 2036.
- 1.2 The purpose of this position statement is to provide background information on the work carried out to date on the Central Lincolnshire Water Cycle Studies and a proposed way forward in respect of updating the Water Cycle Studies in support of the Local Plan as it progresses towards Examination in Public and ultimately Adoption.
- 1.3 Two Detailed Water Cycle Studies (WCS) had previously been undertaken for the Central Lincolnshire Area in summer 2010 involving key stakeholders such as the Environment Agency, Anglian Water and Severn Trent. One covered Gainsborough and surrounding villages in West Lindsey (the Gainsborough WCS) and the Central Lincolnshire WCS covered the rest of West Lindsey, the City of Lincoln and North Kesteven.
- 1.4 These two WCS provided an assessment of the key issues which needed to be planned for in respect of Water Services Infrastructure when considered against the levels of growth being proposed across Central Lincolnshire at that time.
- 1.5 A new Joint Local Plan for Central Lincolnshire is now being produced which has reached the proposed submission stage and which includes proposed development sites.

2.0 Water Cycle Study Way Forward

- 2.1 In order to support the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan and building on the previous WCS work, a light-touch review is being undertaken prior to submission of the Local Plan reflecting the revised levels of growth which are proposed in the emerging Plan.
- 2.2 To date both Anglian Water and Severn Trent have provided their summary assessments of capacity on a site by site basis and from this initial assessment the review will consider the implications of growth on water and waste water services and impact on water quality with respect to wastewater treatment works.
- 2.3 The Central Lincolnshire Local Planning Authorities fully acknowledge the need for continued work to be undertaken in respect of water services provision jointly with the key stakeholders being the Environment Agency, Anglian Water and Severn Trent Water. Such work will be done prior to the submission of the Local Plan and in time for the Examination in Public and ultimate Adoption of the Plan to ensure future growth plans are planned for in a sustainable manner and aligned with water companies growth programmes.
- 2.4 Anglian Water, Severn Trent and the Environment Agency have agreed to this position statement and approach to continued joint working.