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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear requester

Provision of requested information

Thank you for your request for information about Buckingham WRC, which we received on 16 May 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

We would be grateful for the following further information which flows from the documents that you have provided:

DWH to AW 10 04 2025

The document entitled “DWH to AW 10 04 2025” (attached) contains an email chain including an email from the developer’s engineers (JPP), entitled “29766 - Maids Moreton - Pre Dev/Foul Flows”, sent at 7.04 am on 4 April 2025, which says this:

“Further to your email (copy attached), could you please confirm how the pre development enquiry is progressing that we have submitted for this site?

Also, can you please confirm how the above condition can be cleared? Will headroom be available within 12 months for example and are you doing these works now? What needs to happen (if anything) [sic] that our Client can control, to ensure his site can proceed.

Thanks”

Please can you confirm whether Anglian responded to the point (underlined) about “headroom” availability and, if so, provide a copy of the response(s)?

Anglian Water did not provide a response to the point regarding headroom availability.

Pre-Planning Report (updated 17 April 2025)

The Anglian pre-application report, updated on 17 April 2025 (also attached) says this:

“Water recycling centre

When assessing the receiving water recycling centre’s (WRC) dry weather flow(DWF) headroom we take the latest DWF figures, as verified by the Environment Agency and add to this sites with planning consent.

Based on the above assessment Buckingham WRC is flow non-compliant. However, as this site has planning consent we are obligated to accommodate the domestic flows and we will plan investment, in consultation with the Environment Agency, therefore any active conditions applied

by Anglian Water, regarding the completion of planned schemes, need not apply for this development under planning reference 23/01636/ADP. The responsibility for implementing enhancement to WRC to enable an amended flow permit rests entirely with Anglian Water. Our investment programme aims to ensure that the WRC flow permit is sufficient to accommodate new development within the catchment."

Please could the relevant person at Anglian explain the meaning of the underlined section, in particular, "active conditions", "planned scheme", "need not apply for this development". Also, on whose authority was the document amended to include this new sentence and for what reason was it added?

This response purely considered the existing consent, which means the right to connect is triggered. It did not take into account the existing condition related to the water recycling centre capacity.

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If you have any queries about this email, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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