

**From:** EIR  
**Sent:** 23 July 2025 15:47  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:**  
**Attachments:** EADP-EIR-Sites2.xlsx

Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information about capacity in Norfolk, which we received on 3 July 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested:

1. A copy of the report on capacity in Norfolk until 2030
2. A copy of the report from the Environment Agency showing that additional homes would have a minimal impact
3. Were you made aware of this report by the Environment Agency
4. When was this report shown to you
5. How many unregistered and registered storm and emergency overflows will be impacted by the new homes
6. how often have these discharged between 2020 and December 2024

#### **EIR Response: Partial Provision & Partial Refusal of Requested Information**

Please find attached:

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**Item 1** is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

When Anglian Water is consulted on new planning developments, all sites are subject to capacity checks.

We calculate the receiving Water Recycling Centre's (WRC) Dry Weather Flow (DWF) headroom by taking the latest Q90 DWF figures, as verified by the Environment Agency, and add to this sites with existing planning consent.

Within the South Norfolk and Broadland region, the following WRCs lack the capacity to accommodate additional flows that would be generated by proposed development, and at present have no funding allocated for AMP 8 (2025-2030). Therefore, we are objecting to new development that would be received by:

Cantley STW

Ditchingham STW

Reedham STW

Within the South Norfolk and Broadland region, the following WRCs lack the capacity to accommodate additional flows that would be generated by proposed development, however are included within our Business Plan as a named growth scheme with investment delivery planned between 2025-2030. To ensure there is no pollution or deterioration in the receiving watercourse due to the additional foul flows that would arise from the development, we are recommend a planning condition is applied if permission is granted for developments that would be received by:

Whitlingham Trowse STW (Norwich)

Beccles-Marsh Lane STW

Aylsham STW

Within the South Norfolk and Broadland region, the following WRC has capacity to accommodate additional flow generated by proposed development, subject to capacity checks, and is included within our Business Plan as a named growth scheme with investment delivery planned between 2025-2030. To ensure there is no pollution or deterioration in the receiving watercourse due to the additional foul flows that would arise from the development, we are recommend a planning condition is applied if permission is granted for developments that would be received by:

Freethorpe-Halvergate Road STW

The aforementioned planning condition Anglian Water are recommending in the above 2 scenarios is:

Condition: Prior to occupation written confirmation from Anglian Water must be submitted confirming there is sufficient headroom at the water recycling centre to accommodate the foul flows from the development site. This condition shall cease to have effect if the development is first occupied after April 2030.

Reason: to protect water quality, prevent pollution and secure sustainable development having regard to paragraphs 7/8 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

There are also 37 existing smaller treatment facilities designed for settlements of a limited scale within the South Norfolk region that are classed as 'descriptive' or an 'SSD', where Anglian Water are objecting to new development. Please see our statement regarding these on our website:

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/siteassets/developers/new-content/p--c/descriptive-works-position-statement-march-2025.pdf>

While we aim to be proactive in responding to planning applications, Anglian Water are not a statutory consultee, and we are not always consulted by Local Planning Authorities on all planning applications.

The decisions and conditions imposed upon new planning applications are ultimately decided by Local Planning Authorities, and Anglian Water are obligated to accommodate domestic flows from sites with planning consent, regardless of any capacity constraints.

**Item 2, 3 and 4** is not held by Anglian Water.

From the article it is not clear what document the councils are referring to. We do not believe this is a document Anglian Water has had sight of.

**Item 5** is held by Anglian Water and has been provided as an attachment.

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**Item 6** is held by Anglian Water and is considered reasonably accessible.

Information on over flows that are monitored is available on our website [What we're doing to improve your local rivers & coastline](#)

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Legal Director, Anglian Water Services, Lancaster House, Lancaster Way, Ermine Business Park, Huntingdon PE29 6XU

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Yours sincerely

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