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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information about Castor and Ailsworth, which we received on 28 July 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested:

1. Has there been any pollution/ storm overflows from the sewerage system serving Castor/Ailsworth in the last 5 years.
2. If so, what was the cause/reason related to each category of incident (and how many)?
3. Is the existing sewerage network serving the villages of Castor & Ailsworth at capacity?
4. How many times have Tankers been required to pump sewage whilst major repairs were made to the Pumping station in the last 5 years?
5. Can it accommodate an additional 40% flow (i.e. for 250 houses) without increasing overflows/pollution?
6. Are there any planned upgrades of the system?

EIR Response: Provision of Requested Information

Item 1 and 2 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Milton Ferry Pumping Station (MILFSP) is the closest EDM monitor to Castor and Ailsworth. The 2024 EA submission shows a count of 31 spills for 2024. Whilst this year we have 4 registered, in which one of those still requires QA. All entries for this year, are as a result of rainfall causing increased flows to site, leading to the wet well filling. Therefore, overflow is operating as intended.

Item 3 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

For new planning applications, Anglian Water assess individual applications based on the proposals, their use type, the amount of flow we anticipate from that development site and the specific connection point to the Anglian Water network. The specific connection point determines the route flows will take within our network, and therefore we cannot make comment on the network as a whole for future growth due to factors which are determined on a case by case basis.

Assessing pumping stations forms part of our network assessment for new planning applications. When pollution risk, constraints, or risk to the public network are identified, Anglian Water will object, or request appropriate conditions be applied by the deciding Local Planning Authority, to help protect our existing customers, and the environment. The decisions and conditions imposed upon new planning applications are ultimately decided by Local Planning Authorities.

Item 4 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Tankers have been used once in 2023 while repairs were being made to the pumping station.

Item 5 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

An increase of 40% more flow would be a concern. Access to the pumping station is not best, and it also have little retention time, so we would not recommend this growth with out significant investment

Item 6 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

There are no planned upgrades.

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Yours sincerely

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