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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information about capacity at water recycling centres, which we received on 29 September 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested:

For the Water Recycling Centres at Wickford, Barrow, Uttons Drove and Cambourne

1. available capacity
2. breached of permits
3. planning for improvements

EIR Response: Provision of Requested Information

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

When assessing receiving Water Recycling Centre’s (WRC) Dry Weather Flow (DWF) headroom, we take the latest Q90 DWF figures, as verified by the Environment Agency, and add sites with planning consent to this.

Anglian Water are obligated to accommodate sites with unconditional planning consent under Section 106 of the Water Industry Act.

Whilst we cannot disclose capacity figures for our WRCs, we can confirm that each WRC mentioned in this request lacks the capacity to accommodate additional flows.

Anglian Water cannot reserve capacity for development without planning consent. Available capacity in our network can be reduced at any time due to growth, increased demand, regulatory changes, and environmental change.

Please find below figures for permitted DWF at each WRC, with accompanying population equivalent.

WRC	Permitted Dry Weather Flow (DWF) Consent (m3/day)	Population Equivalent (PE)	Capacity
Wickford Water Recycling Centre	7500	41974	No available capacity
Barrow Water Recycling Centre	363	1747	No available capacity
Uttons Drove Water Recycling Centre	4288	23890	No available capacity
Cambourne Water Recycling Centre (Bourn)	868	3595	No available capacity

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

The Environment Agency assess through their routine sampling the water quality of rivers and our discharges are not the only source which may affect river quality. Other sources, such as farming, industrial discharges and runoff from roads, can also affect water quality. We can therefore only really comment on the breaches. These are summarised these below.

WRC	DWF Compliance (years exceeded since 2020)	Current Sanitary Compliance COD and Ammonia)
Wickford Water Recycling Centre	2022,2023 and 2024	Compliant
Barrow Water Recycling Centre	2024	Compliant
Uttons Drove Water Recycling Centre	2020, 2021, 2023, 2024	Compliant
Cambourne Water Recycling Centre	Flows are treated at Uttons Drove	Not applicable

Item 3 is held by Anglian Water, and is available on our website.

Investment in protecting and enhancing the environment is available in our [Pollution Incident Reduction Plan](#)

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Yours sincerely

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