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From: EIR
Sent: 23 December 2025 12:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]
Attachments: Properties In Rochford in Flood Register redacted.xlsx

Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information about a proposed development in Hawkwell, Essex, which we received on 2 December 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested:

1. Any information as to where the identified capacity issue(s) are within the foul network between the proposed connection and the Rochford Water Recycling Centre.
2. Any information that sets out or explains further the nature of the identified capacity issues are defined, in order to help inform us of the scale, nature and programme of works that may need to be carried out, to serve the proposed development.
3. Any information confirming that the capacity constraint relevant to the proposed development is formed by Rochford Depot Pumping Station and any information relating to any work carried out to understand whether pumping capacity can be increased, and what the constraints of such an improvement may be.
4. Any information relating to any proposals to upgrade the foul network to resolve the said capacity problems, and if so, as to what is the timescale around this.
5. Any information relating to why this capacity problem is not mentioned in the Anglian Water DWMP, and if this is correct why no funding has been sought in relation to this from OFWAT.
6. To the extent that the foul network is over capacity, any information relating to why upgrades not been undertaken already and any information as to whether there have been any significant flooding due to the capacity problems. This should include any information relating to investigations undertaken, including any condition assessments of the assets in issue.
7. Any information related to whether Anglian Water consider it possible to construct a foul network to bypass the area of the existing foul network currently failing due to capacity issues.
8. Any documentation relating to whether Anglian Water consider it possible to provide on-site solutions within the proposed development, e.g. discharge foul water at a reduced rate and store the excess, real time controls to delay peak flows.
9. Any information relating to whether there are any other Water Recycling Centres in the area which can accommodate all or some of the proposed foul flows from the proposed development.
10. Information related to CSO spill data for the last 5 years for Rochford Depot CSO, and any other CSOs between the nearest point of connection from the proposed development and Rochford WRC.
11. Information relating to the number of existing properties at risk of flooding from the sewer network in areas linked to the potential receiving sewer network including the number and age of reported instances.

EIR Response: Provision of Requested Information

Please find attached:

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

Foul flows from the proposed development site would pass through ROCHFORD-ROCHFORD DEPOT **Pumping Station** Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO).

This is located at NGR TQ 87735 90233, and is viewable on a map on our website:

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/environment/storm-overflows/storm-overflow-map>

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

This CSO is currently exceeding the acceptable spill count, as set by the Environment Agency.

Our spill data is available to view on our website:

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/environment/storm-overflows>

The Combined Sewer Overflow at the Pumping Station spills into the River Roach.

Any additional flow poses an environmental risk due to spill increases. There are financial consequences of high spill counts when we are found to be in breach of our permit obligations by our regulators. Any dry day spill will be classed as a category 3 pollution.

Under the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) Regulations 2017, there is a requirement for water bodies not to deteriorate and to achieve 'good status' by 2027. Under Regulation 33, local planning authorities as 'public bodies' must have regard to these requirements as they are part of river basin management plans (RBMP). Under the National Planning Policy Framework, there is a requirement that plans and planning decisions do not result in unacceptable levels of water pollution, and development should, wherever possible, help to improve local environmental conditions such as air and water quality, taking into account relevant information such as river basin management plans (para 187e).

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

As outlined in question 1 and 2, we can confirm that the Rochford Depot Pumping Station is the constraint in question relevant to the proposed development site. [Check on or report an issue](#)

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

There are no planned works at this pumping station.

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

The Rochford catchment was identified in the DWMP for the medium term (2025-2035) attenuation and long term (2035-2050) plan is surface water removal and a new process stream at the WRC.

Our DWMP looks at longer term planning of the catchments for both network and water recycling centres. Our business plans are 5 year cycles, and it is within these plans that Ofwat approve our spending and customer bills.

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

A search of our call records about issues in the area show that problems with the sewer system is mostly caused by blockages caused by misuse of the sewer.

Item 7 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Conveyance to a Sustainable Point of Connection within the Anglian Water network is ultimately the responsibility of the developer. Constraints to bypass the network may involve navigating geographical and transport-related constraints.

Anglian Water will consider complex solutions in more detail on request through our Tier 2 Foul Pre Planning Enquiry service. Applications can be made via our website: <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/developing/planning--capacity/how-to-apply>

Item 8 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Anglian Water considers onsite storage as short term mitigation, and therefore not a sustainable drainage strategy, we were unable to consider this as a potential option.

Item 9 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Rochford, Southend, Rayleigh-West and Basildon Water Recycling Centres all currently have some available headroom, subject to site specific capacity checks.

Item 10 is held by Anglian Water and is reasonably assessable.

Start stop times for 2021 to 2024 can be found on our website [Storm overflows](#) and the most recent monthly data for 2025 can also be found on our website [Monthly EDM Publication](#). The monthly data is a summary of all EDM activations as shown on the storm overflow map. It is not quality assured to a regulatory return standard, so it has a lower data quality and should be considered indicative of an activation, rather than confirmation of a spill.

Item 11 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

As outlined in question 2, our concern relates to environmental pollution risk and potential deterioration of the receiving watercourse, as opposed to flood risk to existing properties.

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Personal data has been redacted from the information provided.

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Yours sincerely

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