

Colchester Borough Council Local Development Framework

Site Allocations Development Plan Document

Statement of Common Ground

Between Colchester Borough Council and Anglian Water Services Limited

1. This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared to identify the areas of agreement between Anglian Water Services Limited (hereafter Anglian Water) and Colchester Borough Council on matters relating to the Borough Council's submitted Site Allocations DPD and the representations submitted by Anglian Water and the Environment Agency concerning this document. A meeting was held between Colchester Borough Council and Anglian Water on 29 January 2010 to identify and confirm areas of agreement.
2. There are no unresolved issues between Anglian Water and Colchester Borough Council in relation to the Submitted Site Allocations DPD.
3. General Matters

The following general matters are agreed between the parties:

1. Both parties agree that the proposed minor changes to paragraph 5.154 and policy SA STA1 (numbers 18 and 19 respectively in the schedule of minor changes table) will address the issues raised in Anglian Water's representations. The proposed changes are shown in Appendix 1.
2. Both parties agree that an additional paragraph needs to be inserted into the Site Allocations DPD under paragraph 4.11, following a request by the Environment Agency, in relation to capacity issues at Colchester Sewage Treatment Works (STW) and the ability of the sewerage network to cope with the projected growth. The proposed additional paragraph is shown in Appendix 1 and has been included as change no. 79 in the Site Allocations Schedule of Minor Changes.

**APPENDIX 1 – COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL / ANGLIAN WATER SERVICES LIMITED/ ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AGREED
AMENDMENTS TO SITE ALLOCATIONS DPD**

Site Allocations DPD Policy/ Paragraph	Anglian Water/ Environment Agency Representation	Colchester Borough Council's agreed response with Anglian Water
5.154	<p>Anglian Water's representation proposed the following change to paragraph 5.154 (p.65) in relation to wastewater issues at the site between the A12 and B1048 London Road:</p> <p>"On a precautionary basis Policy STA 1 makes it clear that development at this site cannot come forward until there is wastewater treatment and sewage infrastructure capacity to cope with the development."</p>	<p>Colchester Borough Council has put forward the following wording change, as requested by Anglian Water, (No.18 in the Schedule of Minor Changes) for consideration by the Planning Inspector at the EIP:</p> <p>"On a precautionary basis Policy SA STA1 makes it clear that development of this site cannot come forward until there is wastewater treatment and sewerage infrastructure capacity to cope with the development."</p>
STA criterion 7	<p>Anglian Water's representation also proposed the following change (change shown in italics):</p> <p>"Planning permission will not be granted for development unless it can be demonstrated that the wastewater treatment and sewer infrastructure can accommodate the development within the confines of existing consents."</p>	<p>Colchester Borough Council has put forward the following wording change, as requested by Anglian Water, (No. 19 in the Schedule of Minor Changes) for consideration by the Planning Inspector at the EIP.</p> <p>"Planning permission will not be granted for development unless it can be demonstrated that the wastewater</p>

5.48	<p>The Environment Agency's representation (SA 058/279) proposed the inclusion of an additional paragraph following paragraph 5.48 of the Submission Site Allocations DPD to reflect the findings of the Haven Gateway Stage 2 Water Cycle Study that at present Colchester STW and the sewer network does not have capacity to cope with all of the projected growth set out in the Site Allocations DPD.</p> <p>As suggested by the Environment Agency Colchester Borough Council met with Anglian Water to discuss this issue. Anglian Water confirmed that necessary phased improvements to Colchester STW will continue to be made to meet existing and new consent conditions and to service future planned growth. The current asset management period, AMP5 (2010 - 2015), includes proposals for increased process capacity and maintenance expenditure which will assist with the delivery of new development in the Borough to 2015. Longer term plans involving changes to sewerage treatment catchment areas and increased sewerage capacity will support the delivery of new developments post 2015.</p>	<p>treatment and sewerage infrastructure can accommodate the development within the confines of existing consents."</p> <p>It is respectfully requested that the following paragraph is inserted into the Site Allocations DPD after paragraph 4.11:</p> <p>"Planning permission will not be granted for development unless it can be demonstrated that the wastewater treatment and sewerage infrastructure can accommodate the development within the confines of existing consents. Furthermore, the receiving environment of additional flows must be able to meet water quality requirements in accordance with the Water-Framework Directive. Anglian Water Services and the Environment Agency will advise on this matter."</p>
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