



**North Essex Section 1 Plan
Examination**

**MATTER 6: Transport and other
infrastructure
(Question 10)**

Written Statement

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Other infrastructure and phasing

Anglian Water is the water undertaker for West of Braintree Garden Community and Braintree Colchester Borders Garden Community we are also the water undertaker for Colchester Tendring Borders Garden Community together with Affinity Water. We are also the sewerage undertaker for the proposed Garden Communities. The following comments relate to the Anglian Water company area only.

10. Do the Integrated Water Management Strategy [EB/015] and the AECOM IPPD document [EB/088] provide sufficient certainty that adequate provision can be made for water supply and waste water treatment for the proposed GCs?

The Integrated Water Management Strategy (EB/015) refers to the availability of water resources to serve the proposed garden communities and cross refers to Anglian Water's Water Resource Management Plan published in 2014. Water resources are managed on a larger geographical scale than Councils and individual development proposals.

Anglian Water is responsible for preparing as part of a statutory process a Water Resources Management plan (WRMP) at least once every 5 years and reviewed continuously which outlines how we will manage the supply/demand balance so that we can continue to serve our customers now and in the future in respect of population growth, climate change and environmental protection.

Anglian Water has published a Revised Draft WRMP¹ which will replace the current WRMP. This document has recently been approved by Defra and the final version is expected to be published shortly. The investment including water supply infrastructure identified in our Revised Draft WRMP would be funded by Anglian Water as part of business planning process.

Reference is also made in the Integrated Water Management Strategy (EB/015) to a number of options to drain the proposed Garden Communities including a connection to Colchester Water Recycling Centre for two of the proposed garden communities. The options identified are based upon the nearest infrastructure capable of receiving the anticipated flows from the proposed Garden Communities. We would also examine alternatives, including the provision of new dedicated on-site water recycling infrastructure as set out in the AECOM IPPD document (EB/088).

Anglian Water as sewerage undertaker is responsible for funding any required investment to ensure that capacity is made available at water recycling centres in time to serve development in our company area. To inform Anglian Water's Business Plan for 2020 to 2025 we have prepared a Water Recycling Long Term Plan (WRLTP)² which outlines the

¹Revised Draft Water Resources Management Plan 2019

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/about-us/our-strategies-and-plans/draft-water-resources-management-plan/>

² Water Recycling Long Term Plan (September 2018)

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/about-us/our-strategies-and-plans/water-recycling-long-term-plan/>

planned investment at both existing water recycling centres and sewerage network to accommodate development to 2045.

We will continue to monitor the actual level of growth in the Anglian Water region and the investment timing and strategies outlined in the WRLTP will be continually reviewed, allowing us to be adaptive with our strategies to produce the most suitable solutions.

Anglian Water as a water and sewerage company seeks fair contributions through charges directly from developers under the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991 to supply water and/or drain a site effectively. As such there is an established mechanism to fund required connections to water supply and public sewerage networks.