

IWA Response to the Fens Reservoir Project

Phase Three Consultation

The Inland Waterways Association (IWA) is the membership charity that works to protect and restore the country's 7000 miles of canals and navigable rivers. IWA is a national organisation with a network of volunteers and branches who deploy their expertise and knowledge to work constructively with navigation authorities, local and national government and other organisations. The Association also provides practical and technical support to restoration projects through its Restoration Hub.

We thank the Project Team working on behalf of Anglian Water and Cambridge Water for the opportunity to respond to the survey. We have attached our comments in the format of the "Phase three consultation feedback form" as requested. Please find this attached to this letter plus supporting documents.

The areas we have commented on in detail are

1. Opportunities for access & enjoyment of the Reservoir area and adjacent waterways, both for the general public as well as boaters. We have also included some concerns on impact to navigation.
2. Proposals for utilising local waterways for transport of construction materials to mitigate impact on local roads.
3. Suggestions on Raw Water Supply to help develop a supply scheme to ensure consistency in water management which will be crucial to safeguarding community interests, maintaining navigational routes, and supporting the ecological needs of the region

We look forward to any comments you may have on this feedback. We would also welcome the opportunity to discuss our submission further with the Project Team.

We look forward to our continued involvement and working with you to deliver a successful project, beneficial to all.

Yours sincerely



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