

Site Allocations Local Plan

Statement of Common Ground

Reference: SoCG/Anglian Water Services Ltd and Forest Heath District Council

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This statement of common ground relates to the representations made by Anglian Water in relation Site SA4(a): Land west of Mildenhall of the Forest Heath Proposed Submission Site Allocations Local Plan

The statement relates to Matter 4 The spatial distribution of housing in the Market Towns: Brandon, Mildenhall and Newmarket. In particular it relates to question 4.12 - Have the LPA considered the requirement for possible sewer diversion identified by objection 24899 and what are the implications of this in terms of the net developable area?

This Statement of Common Ground has been agreed by Anglian Water and the Council for submission to the Inspector for the Site Allocations Local Plan Examination.

Anglian Water's representations to the Site Allocations Plan referred to the need to consider existing sewers and water mains within the boundary of the Land west of Mildenhall allocation site. There are a number of sewers and water mains within the boundary of the site including some rising mains (pressurised sewers) which connect to Mildenhall Water Recycling Centre (formerly sewage treatment works).

The parties agree that there is a need to consider the existing assets in Anglian Water's ownership as part of the design of the Land West of Mildenhall development. It is therefore proposed that the following additional modification should be included in Site Allocations Plan to follow paragraph 5.5.21:

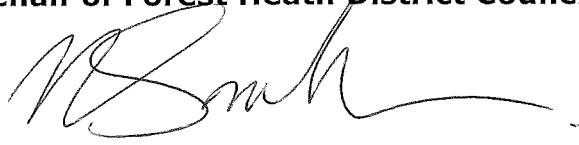
'5.5.22 Existing water mains and sewers cross this site and the site layout should be designed to take these into account. This existing infrastructure is protected by easements and should not be built over or located in private gardens where access for maintenance and repair could be restricted. The existing water mains and sewers should be located in highways or public open space. If this is not possible a formal application to divert Anglian Water's existing assets may be required.'

In addition it proposed that the following main modification should be included in Policy SA4(a) Focus of growth – Land west of Mildenhall:

'H) that suitable access is safeguarded for the maintenance of water supply and foul drainage infrastructure.'

On the basis of the above Anglian Water considers the concerns relating to Policy SA4 (a) have been addressed and the policy is sound.

Signed on behalf of Forest Heath District Council



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