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Dear ■

**Dereham Rush Meadows SSSI
ASSENT OF NATURAL ENGLAND UNDER SECTION 28H OF THE WILDLIFE AND
COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (AS AMENDED)**

Natural England assents to the operations specified in your notice of 26/09/23 under S28H of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) as attached.

This assent covers the period 19/10/23 to 31/03/25.

Please note the important information about this assent below.

I draw your attention to your duty, under section 28G of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as inserted by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of your functions, to further the conservation and enhancement of the SSSI.

Yours Sincerely

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Important information about this assent

If you wish to change the proposed operations or their location or to carry out additional operations for which assent has not yet been given, or if a time period set out above has expired, you must give further written notice to Natural England. Before doing so, you can seek advice from Natural England.

You may face enforcement action if you undertake unauthorised operations which destroy, damage or disturb the notified features of special scientific interest.

Before undertaking the operations specified in this assent, you may also need to get additional permissions from other authorities. For example, the assented operations might also require planning permission from the Local Planning Authority, a permit from the Environment Agency or a licence from the Forestry Commission. It is your responsibility, as the grantee of this assent, to ensure that no other permissions or consents, whether of a public or a private nature, are needed and, if any are needed, to acquire them before you exercise this assent.

This is Natural England's assent only, and it does not allow you to undertake the specified operations without first having obtained all of the necessary permissions needed to undertake the operation lawfully. If you do not obtain all of the permissions you require, and carry out the work anyway, you may face enforcement action from other authorities or parties.

As the grantee of this assent, you are responsible for carrying out the assented operation(s) safely and in all ways according to the law.

The Notice:

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 September 2023 08:52

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@naturalengland.org.uk)>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@anglianwater.co.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@anglianwater.co.uk)>

Subject: Dereham WRC Scheme

Dear [REDACTED]

I'm writing to follow up on Natural England's letter of 5 August 2022 which provided advice in relation to our proposals at Dereham Water Recycling Centre (WRC) in terms of potential impacts upon Dereham Rush Meadows Site of Special Scientific Interest and in relation to the preparation of a Habitat Regulations Assessment to assess any potential nutrient impacts upon the River Wensum Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and The Broads SAC and Ramsar.

We have now prepared a detailed draft HRA for the scheme a copy of which I attach for NE's review and comment. This concludes, subject to the mitigation measures set out in Tables 5-1 and 5-2 that there would be no likely significant effects on the River Wensum SAC and The Broads SAC and Ramsar.

With regards to Dereham Rush Meadows SSSI, NE has previously advised that NE Assent will be required if we proposed to undertake the works as permitted development which is

our intention. We will only be seeking planning permission for the kiosks. As such we also enclose an application for NE Assent.

If you have any queries or require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards



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Notice of proposal to carry out an operation on Adjacent site to site of special scientific interest (SSSI)

Name of site of special scientific interest (SSSI): Dereham Rush Meadows

Name and address of public body or statutory undertaker: Anglian Water Service

Email address: [REDACTED]

Phone number: [REDACTED]

[I/We] give notice to Natural England under Section 28H(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended and inserted by section 75 and Schedule 9 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) of [my/our] proposal to carry out the operations specified below in the exercise of [my/our] functions and on the land as specified below.

Operation and land details

Continue on separate sheet if necessary or attach additional information or documents.

Specified operations Additional SAF, SAF Pumping Station, Humus Tank, PST Tank to be constructed on the existing site at the North West end. Drawing showing details.

Details of proposed operations: The construction of the above new assets under PD. On existing site adjacent to SSSI.

Timing of proposed operations. ASAP start with an 18 month construction programme with an obligation date of 31st March 2025.

Land on which operations are to be carried out. Dereham WRC adjacent to the Rushmeadow SSSI

Storage and disposal of materials: All material to be stored on hardstanding in bunded area on site prior to be taken off to landfill. This area is out of the flood plain.

Precise routing of operations and vehicles: Access to site shown on drawing.

Frequency of access: See CTMP attached.

The provenance and chemical nature of imported materials: N/A

Type and ground-pressure of vehicles to be deployed:. Please see CTMP attached.

Mitigation measures: We have the ecology report available and Draft HRA (attached) which ensures we mitigate against the protected species and designated conservation sites

Further information: The Wildlife Trust who manage the Dereham Rush Meadow SSSI have been informed..(██████████)

Signed by on behalf of public body / statutory undertaker:

Date:

Using and sharing your information

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