

**Property Support Scheme - Public statement 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

Anglian Water are proposing a new reservoir in Lincolnshire that will secure water supply to our customers for future generations.

The reservoir will store water so it's on tap when we need it, meeting the challenges of a changing climate and a growing population. It will mean less water is taken from sensitive sources, helping us to protect and restore the environment.

Our proposals are at an early stage. We understand the effect on those impacted by our proposals including homeowners, landowners and the local community, and are committed to working with affected people as the project develops.

We are developing a voluntary residential Property Support Scheme (PSS) which will provide assistance to homeowners likely to be directly impacted by the proposed reservoir development in areas that we have identified, on a preliminary basis, as being where the reservoir and certain associated infrastructure may be located. The PSS will consider landowner, resident and community feedback that has been received to date and will reflect the early design development stage of the project and the associated impact on property and land. The voluntary scheme is in addition to the statutory requirements for the project to consult with those identified as owners, tenants, lease holders or occupiers of the land required for the project as well as with those with an interest or claim in the land.

As part of our initial public consultation held between October and December 2022, we identified a 'pink' area (where the reservoir could be located) and a 'grey' area (where certain associated infrastructure could be located). As part of our on-going work, including taking into account feedback received as part of the public consultation, we anticipate that the 'grey' area may be able to be reduced. Once additional surveys have been carried out over the coming year, we will be able to refine these areas further and we anticipate that it is this refined footprint which will define eligibility for the PSS – this will be confirmed later in 2023.

We are working within a framework established by our regulators (comprising Ofwat, Environment Agency and Drinking Water Inspectorate) created to progress nationally strategic water resource infrastructure projects- see <https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/regulated-companies/rapid>

We expect to receive 'Gate 2' approval including confirmation of funding for the continued development of our plans by June 2023. This will enable us to continue to evolve the project through ongoing stakeholder consultation and engagement, design development and environmental impact assessment.

We are committed to continuing the current dialogue we have with potentially affected people and the release of the further funding following Gate 2 will enable us to launch the PSS for residential homeowners which we expect to be in the second half of 2023.

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