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RLW Estates

Waterbeach New Town East

Update

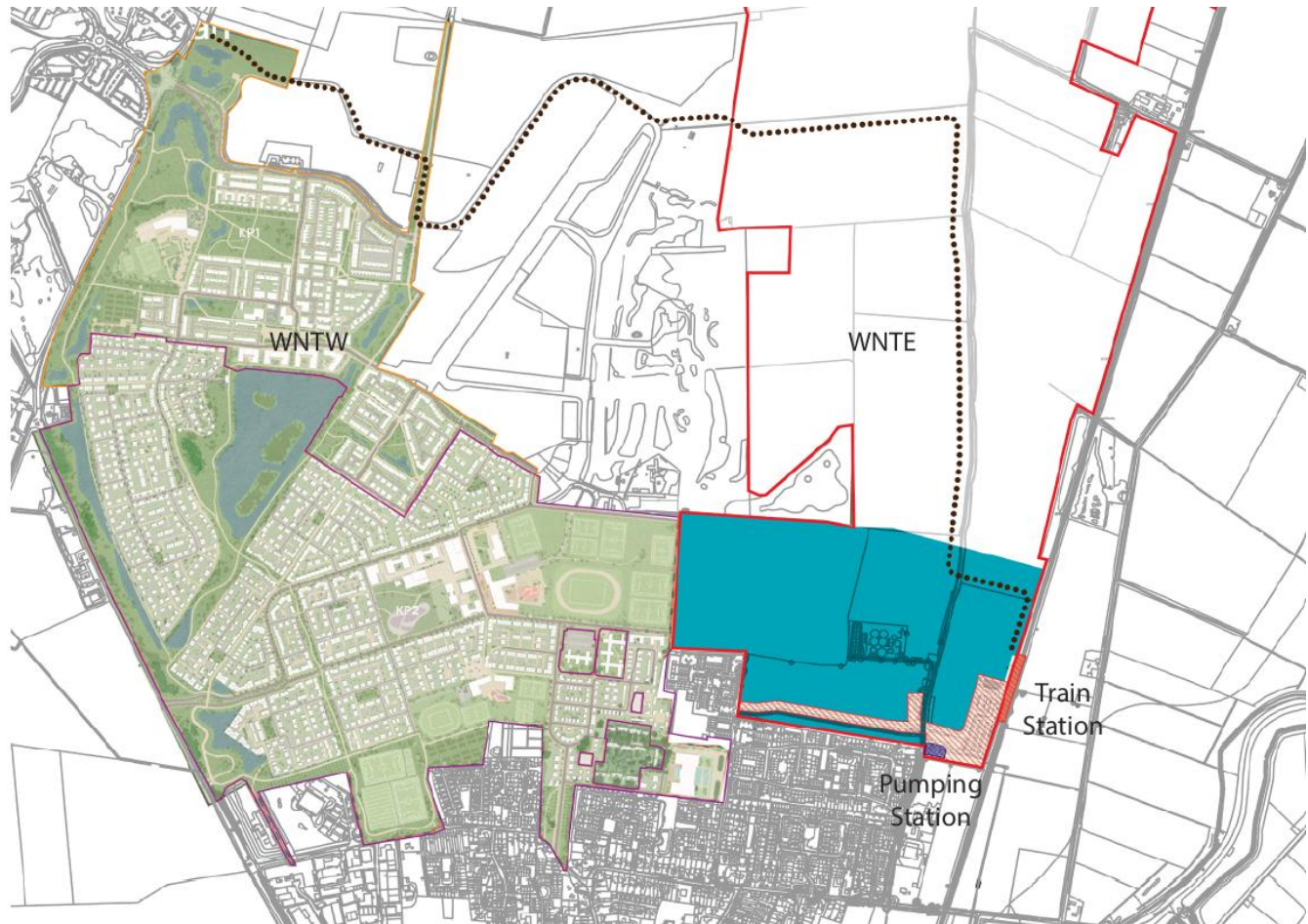
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Tim Deacon

Waterbeach Development Company

Legend

-  WNTW Red Line Boundary
-  WNTW Phase 1: c. 800 homes
-  WNTW Phase 1 infrastructure (including village access and car park)
-  Railway Station
-  Pumping Station
-  Haul Road
-  WNTW Phase 1 Boundary
-  WNTW Phase 2 Boundary





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Anglian Water Update

01 July 2026



Waterbeach Pipeline

Supporting Growth in Waterbeach



Over the next 10-20 years, 11,000 new homes are planned for Waterbeach.

To support this development, our proposed approach, is to invest in new **wastewater infrastructure** that will improve our resilience to growth.

Our proposed approach includes:

- Investing in a new pumping station and twin 8km long 500mm diameter rising mains
- Moving flows from existing Waterbeach homes and planned new homes to Cambridge Water Recycling Centre (WRC)
- Creating capacity to support both existing communities and future growth



Project Overview

Delivering the Scheme

Pipeline route crosses River Cam, A14, railway lines and various private land. We're working closely with stakeholders to **minimise disruption** and ensure a coordinated approach.

The new pumping station will include:

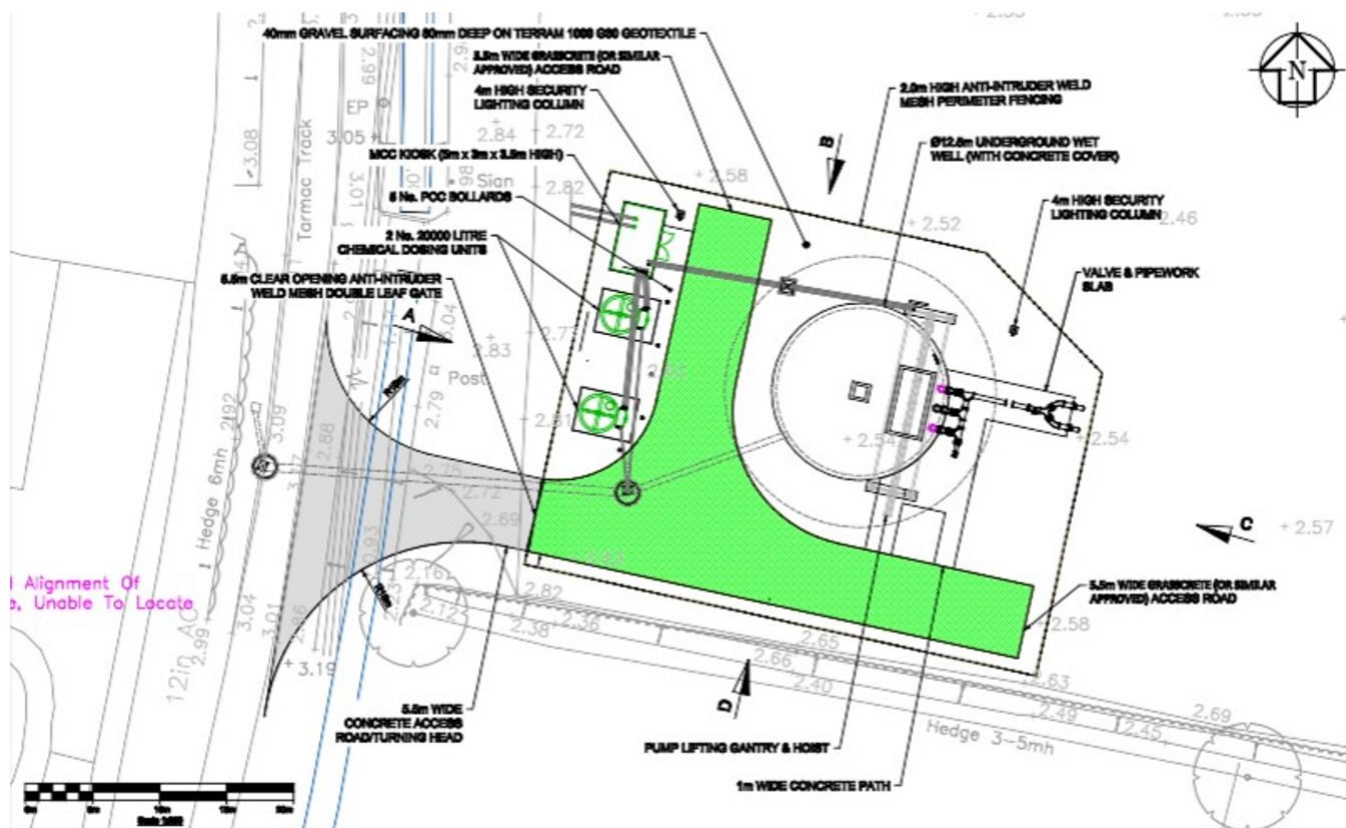
- Modern infrastructure within a **secure compound**
- Wet well, pumps and supporting systems to ensure **safe, reliable operation**.

Long-Term Outcome:

- Increased capacity to **support sustainable growth**
- A more **efficient, resilient network**
- Existing Waterbeach Water Recycling Centre **safely decommissioned**



Proposed Pumping Station



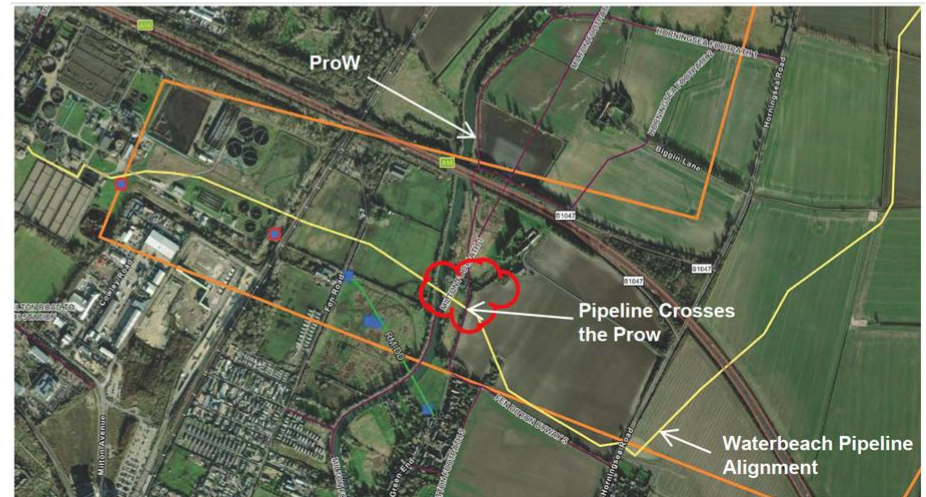
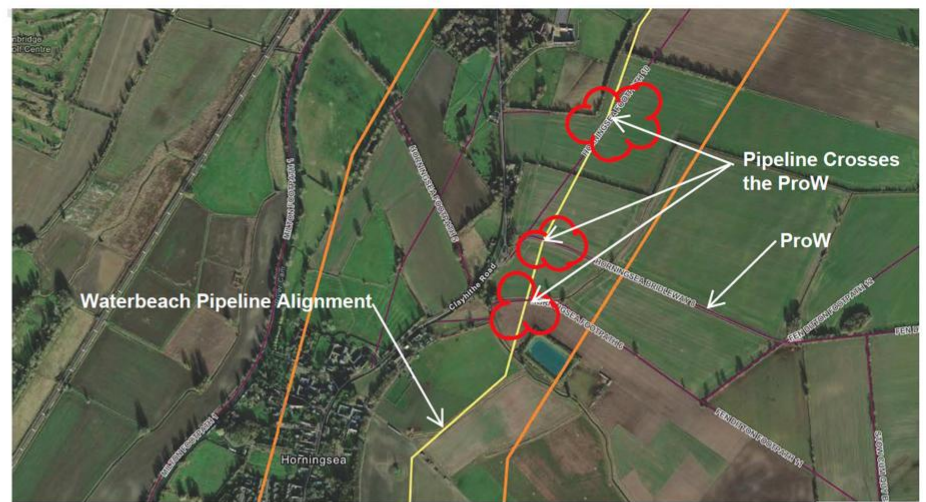
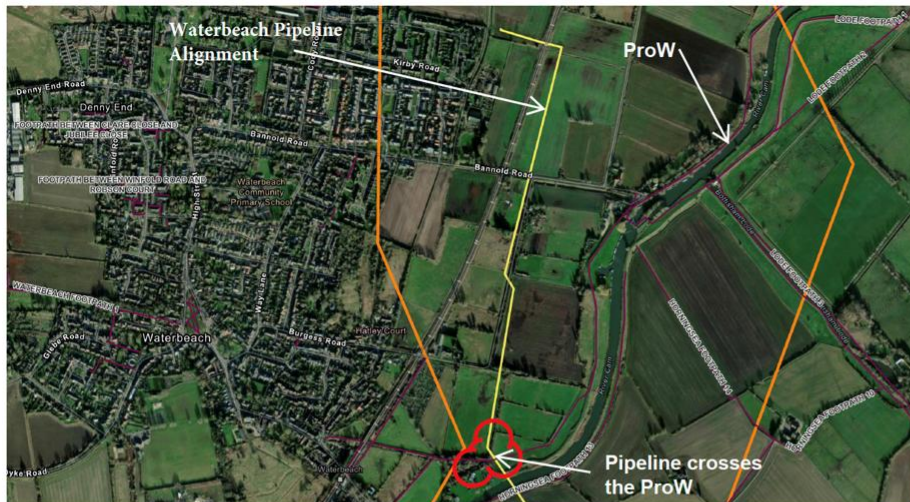
Where we are now



- Surveys are being planned to check for ecology, we will inform community when we have dates.
- The compound location has been identified off Bannold's Drove – *see slide below*.
- Archaeological works are being planned for the compound location – this will be communicated in due course.
- Screening to be submitted – this will be done when all requirements have been met to submit to the Local Planning Authority.
- Future phases of the project will be detailed design, we are communicating with the developers and Network Rail on a regular basis to ensure we have a joined-up approach when implementing our future work.

Current Timeline - *Dates are only proposed and are subject to change*

- **Archaeology investigation work** - Summer 2026
- **Construction start** - April/Spring 2027
- **Construction finish** – Spring 2028
- **Commissioning** – Early 2028



Keeping our stakeholders updated



We keep all projects under review as part of our planning process. We're progressing work to understand the best solution and timing, and we'll update the community as that becomes clearer.

How we are communicating:

- **Letters and emails** - Sent frequently throughout the project to customers directly affected by our works and also to provide updates on progress made.
- **SMS updates** – Used for important and quick communications, such as reminders of traffic management.
- **Website updates** – Updated regularly and always when a new letter goes out.
- **Face to face meetings** – Face to face meetings used to discuss impact and mitigation of issues.
- **Social posts** – Used to update customers on progress or community impact.
- **Press release** – Used to share good news stories relating to the project.
- **Door knocking** – The customer experience coordinator will regularly visit site and meet with residents.

Who we are communicating with:

- **Residents** - Including Bannold Road customers, Horningsea Road and Musgrave Way residents for access.
- **Parish Councils**
- **Local businesses**
- **Highways**
- **Schools**

Milton Upgrade



Upgrade at Milton Water Recycling Centre



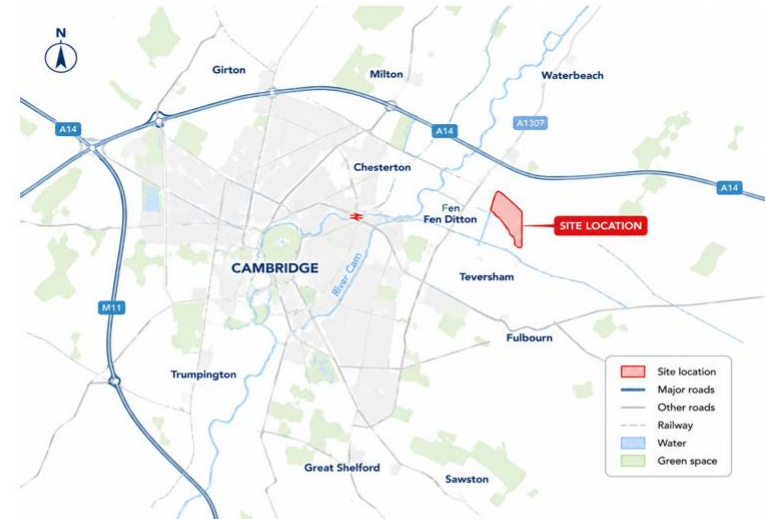
A Deliverable Solution for Environmental Improvement and Sustainable Growth

Following a review of options, Anglian Water has confirmed that the previously proposed Cambridge Relocation Project will not progress.

Instead, investment will focus on **upgrading the existing Milton Water Recycling Centre (WRC)**, providing a clear and deliverable pathway to improve environmental performance, enhance resilience and support future growth across Greater Cambridge.

Why Investment is Needed

- ◆ Support a growing population and economy
- ◆ Meet future environmental and regulatory requirements
- ◆ Improve resilience of critical wastewater infrastructure
- ◆ Enable sustainable housing and employment growth



Key Facts



Outline design phase
(2025 – 2027)



**Construction anticipated
early 2028**
(subject to planning and funding)

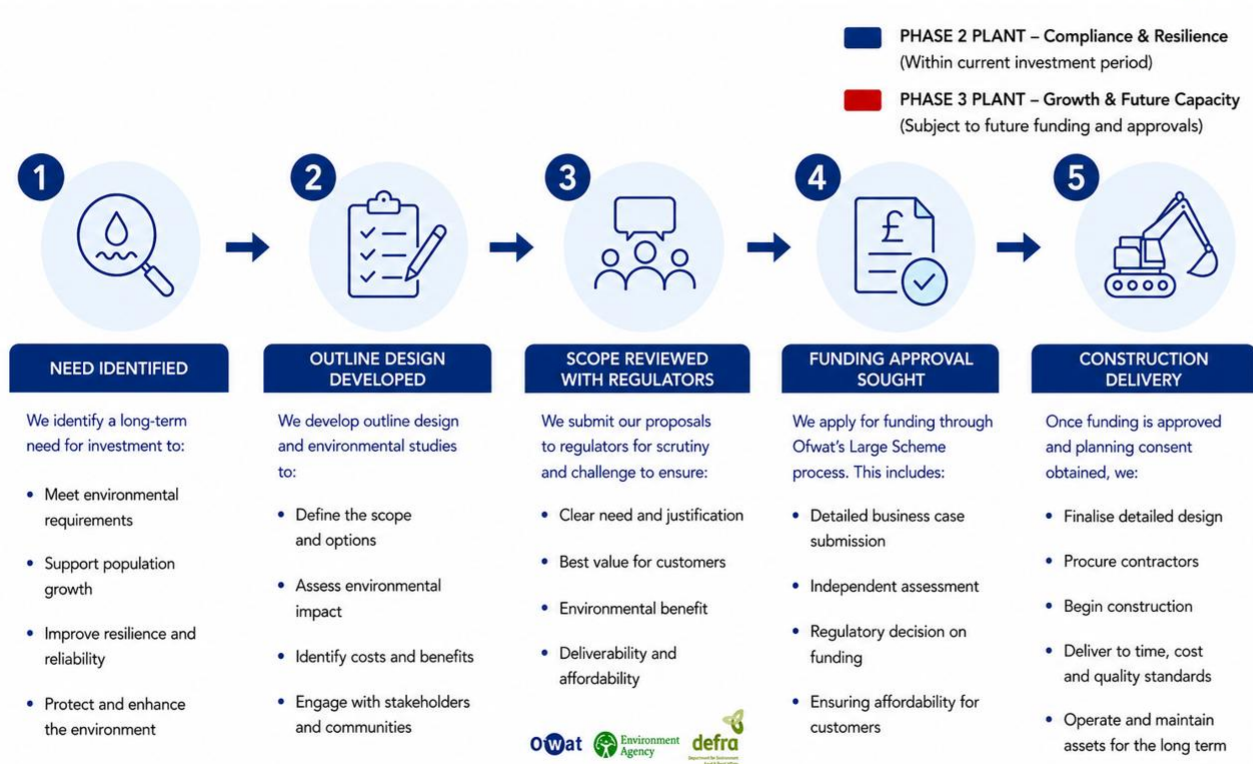


Working with regulators
(Ofwat & Environment Agency) and
Defra's Water Delivery Taskforce



Supporting sustainable growth
across Greater Cambridge

Route to Funding



Future phases remain subject to planning, regulatory and funding approvals.

Phased Delivery Approach



Phase 2 Improvements



Upgraded inlet works
(screens, grit removal and odour control)



New tertiary treatment plant



Additional storm tank capacity



New sludge thickening facilities



Dewatering and sludge handling improvements



New energy generation (CHP)
to improve efficiency and reduce carbon



New outfall to the River Cam



Supporting infrastructure and utilities

Phase 3 Improvements



Additional treatment capacity.



Future final settlement tanks.



Additional sludge processing facilities.

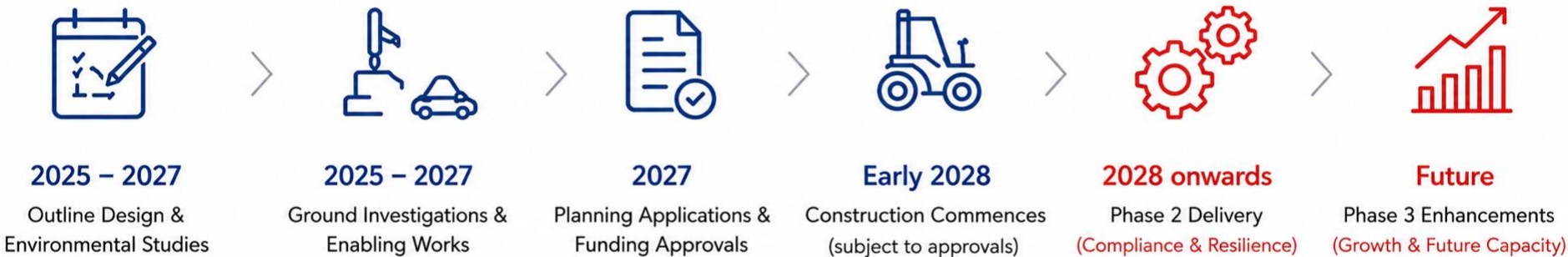


Long-term operational resilience improvements.



Capacity to support future housing and economic growth across Greater Cambridge.

Outlook



Benefits



Delivering compliance

Addresses environmental permit requirements and improves treatment performance.



Resilient operation

Enhances reliability and resilience to extreme weather and population growth.



Sustainable treatment

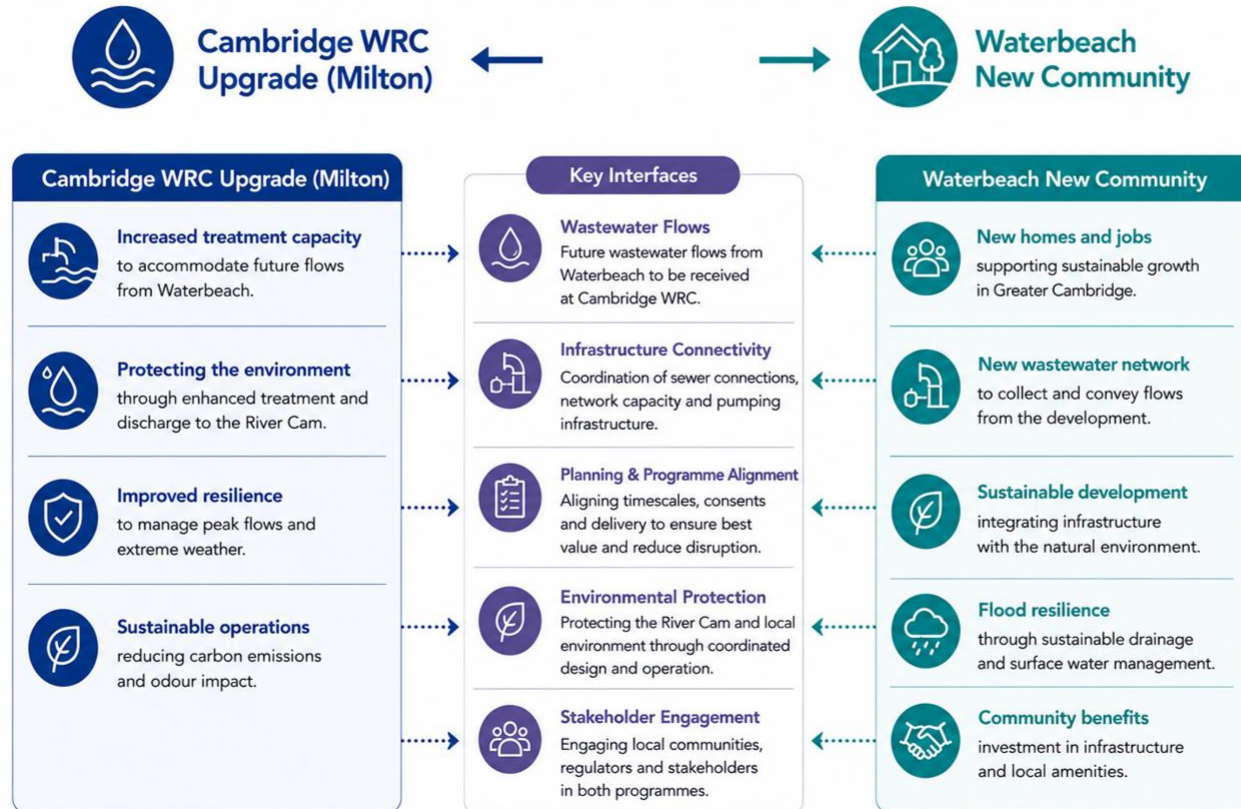
Improves energy efficiency, reduces carbon emissions and odour impact.



Enabling growth

Provides the platform for future treatment capacity to support housing and economic growth.

Interfacing with Waterbeach



Indictive Layout

Cambridge Water Recycling Centre (Milton) Future Site – Indicative Layout (not fixed design)





Any questions?

Continuing our engagement



For further questions or comments, please contact:

Waterbeach Pipeline: Please contact
onealliancecustomers@anglianwater.co.uk

Milton Upgrade/General Enquiries:
stakeholders@anglianwater.co.uk

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- Infrastructure & Connectivity
- Phase 2
- Primary School
- Early Health & Community Provision
- New Homes
- Community

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Infrastructure & Connectivity

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Phase 2

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Health and Community

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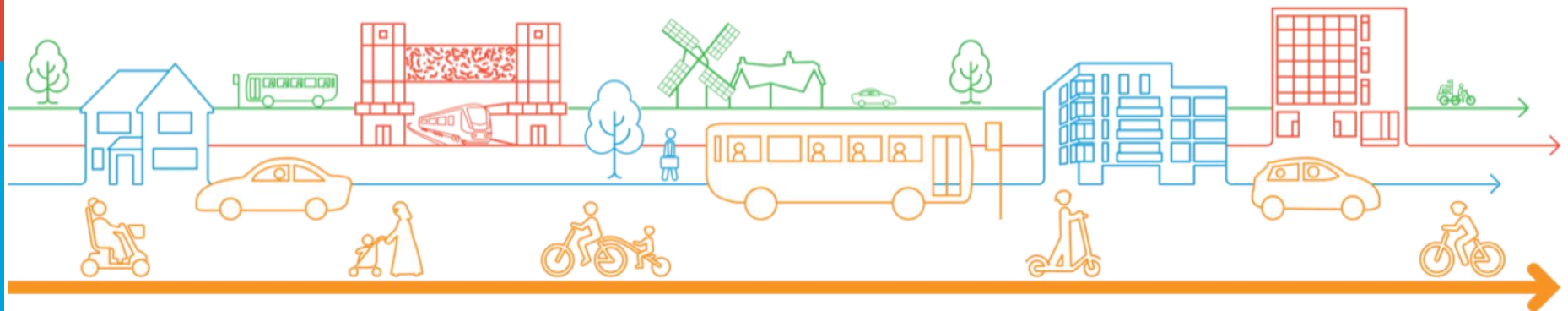
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Waterbeach station

Allen Harris – GCP

Charles Baker – Network Rail



The scheme



FUTURE
DEVELOPMENT

-  New railway station
-  Highway improvements
-  New link road access to the station directly off A10 in future phase

Haul road



- Works substantially complete
- Bannold Drove PROW maintained



Archaeology



CAU undertaking archaeology assessment

Current status



-  Spencer Group progressing with detailed design
-  Discussions ongoing with third parties

Spencer Rail Engineering – design run-through



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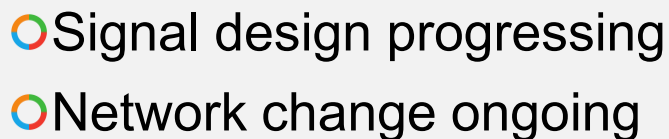
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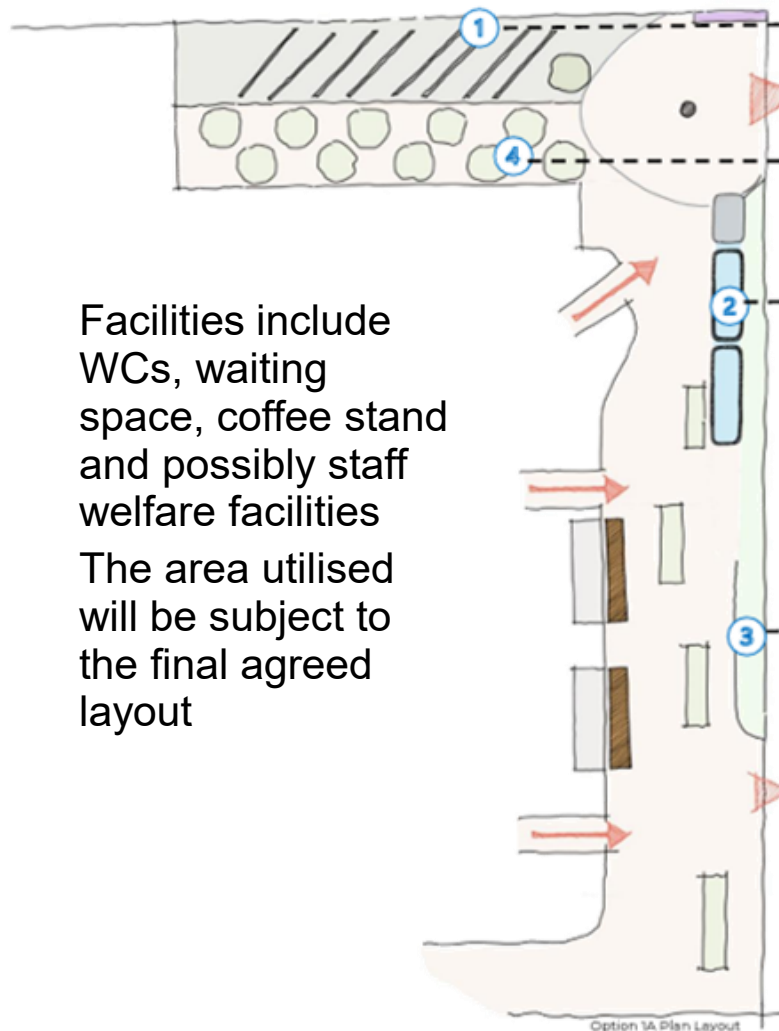
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Facilities

Expressions of interest

Design and build tender – July 2026



Facilities include
WCs, waiting
space, coffee stand
and possibly staff
welfare facilities

The area utilised
will be subject to
the final agreed
layout



Delivery programme

Detailed design start
September 2025



Haul road construction
July 2026



Station construction start
September 2026



Delivery programme

Station construction end

Early 2028



Open to passengers

Spring / summer 2028



Existing station



Network Rail letter to DfT
Summer 2026

Public consultation (12 weeks)
Summer / autumn 2026

Secretary of state decision
Spring 2027

ORR ratification
Summer 2027

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