



NON TECHNICAL SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED NON MATERIAL CHANGE

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Non technical summary of the non material change

1. Augean South Ltd (Augean) operates the integrated East Northants Resource Management Facility (ENRMF) located on Stamford Road, North Northamptonshire. The Development Consent Order (DCO) application by Augean South Limited for the proposed western extension to ENRMF was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 24 September 2021. The details of the development location and design are set out in the application documents, including in particular the Environmental Statement, and are available for review on the PINS project web site at the following link:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/east-northants-resource-management-facility-western-extension/

- 2. The application is currently proceeding through the Examination phase which ends on 2 August 2022. Prior to the submission of the DCO application discussions were undertaken with the statutory undertakers whose apparatus cross the proposed western extension and standoffs were agreed with the statutory undertakers prior to the finalisation of the design of the proposed development and submission of the application. The agreed standoffs were incorporated into the site design. The utilities which cross the proposed western extension area of the application site include two parallel water pipes operated by Anglian Water as shown on Figure ES3.3 in the Environmental Statement which accompanied the application, and which is provided in this summary as Figure NMC1. The proposed development is designed such that the water pipes remain in the natural ground in their current setting and the adjacent landfill areas are located a specified distance from the pipes. A 7 metre standoff from each of the water mains to the fence line for the operational area as well as an additional 2.5m to the edge of the nearest landfill area is specified in the design.
- 3. In March 2022 concerns were raised by Anglian Water regarding risks to the integrity of the pipelines, potential for contamination, the consequences of failure of the pipelines and the need for a greater standoff distance which they consider is necessary principally in order to provide suitable access to carry out maintenance and repairs. Augean has undertaken a range of risk assessments which address the concerns and show that the standoff distances needed for access for repairs is the limiting factor (ie the greatest distance) to determine the standoff from the water pipes. The estimates for the space needed for access vary depending on the amount of flexibility that is included in the assessments. It is concluded that the access included in the original agreed standoff is



adequate and that 20m is the maximum ideal distance that might be considered necessary (Appendix SES2.2 to the Supplementary Environmental Statement). However as a result of the late stage in the Examination process that these concerns have been raised and in order to allow the Examination to progress to a decision it is proposed that the application is amended to include the option of increasing the standoff distances in the area of the water mains from the 7m (as in the original submitted design) up to a maximum of 30m from each water main. The exact standoff and management details will be agreed with the planning authority in consultation with Anglian Water and will be determined prior to the design and construction of the adjacent landfill phases. These adjacent landfill phases will not be constructed for 8 to 10 years following commencement of the site operations if the DCO is granted therefore there is more than enough time to agree the approach.

- 4. In order to incorporate this flexibility in the standoff distance from the water pipes into the proposed development it is necessary to request that the Examining Authority accept a non material change to the application and to submit the documents necessary for the Examining Authority to consider the need for and the impacts associated with the proposed change. The area in which flexibility is requested is shown on the restoration contours in the area of the water pipes as shown on the site Restoration Profile Contour Plan (Figure NMC2).
- 5. The matters that were addressed in the Environmental Statement submitted with the application in September 2021 have been reviewed to determine whether any new or different likely significant environmental effects might be anticipated as a result of the proposed change. As a result of this review additional assessments have been carried out of the changes that may result to the landscape and visual impacts and the ecological impacts associated with the inclusion of an option for a wider standoff from the water pipelines. The findings of the assessments are presented in a Supplementary Environmental Statement.
- 6. It is concluded in the Supplementary Environmental Statement that there is no material change to the ecological effects and there is no change to the overall Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) for the development as the result of an increased standoff up to 30m. It is also concluded that there are no new or materially different landscape or visual effects compared with those identified during the original assessment.



- 7. No other changes to the application are proposed. This amendment to the application is considered to be a non material change to the proposed development as it is minor in nature, it produces no new or different environmental effects and it does not require any compulsory acquisition powers or changes to the Order Limits.
- **8.** All the documents relating to the proposed non material change to the application are available to review at www.augeanconsultation.co.uk
- 9. Please send your comments on the non material change to Augean via email to ENRMF@augeanconsultation.co.uk or in writing to ENRMF Project Office, 52 The Tannery, Lawrence Street, York. YO10 3WH. If you need any further help or have any questions, please ring the Telephone Helpline 01904 654989 or email ENRMF@augeanconsultation.co.uk and we will be pleased to assist.
- 10. Given the limited remaining time for the Examination, any comments are requested to be sent to Augean by the end of Friday 8 July 2022 if at all possible. However, any later comments will be accepted up to the end of Friday 15 July 2022 at the latest.





