



Tier 2 Pre-Planning Assessment Report

Domestic Foul Water Drainage Feasibility Study

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Site Name:	AMP8 FW2 - Hambridge Way, Pirton
Development Details:	50 Dwellings
Site National Grid Reference:	TL 15102 31618
Development Type:	Greenfield
Planning Application Status:	Submitted

This report has been produced for Blakeney Estates Limited and is to be submitted as part of a developed drainage strategy should planning permission be sought.

Anglian Water will use this report as the basis for any forthcoming planning application response relevant to this application.

Anglian Water cannot reserve capacity and therefore you are recommended to formally apply for a connection at your earliest convenience. Please note that available capacity in both the receiving network and Water Recycling Centre (WRC) can be reduced at any time due to increased requirements from existing businesses and houses as well as from new housing and new commercial developments.

Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this report please contact Planning Liaison on 03450 263 912.



Summary

Please note that our assessment process was updated on the 1st April 2025. We recommend reviewing this report in its entirety. You can also read our [FAQ's](#)

Easements

We have assessed above and below ground operational assets in relation to your proposed development site

Water Recycling Centre (WRC)

We have assessed the receiving Water Recycling Centre to determine whether it can process the increased flows and effluent quality arising from your development and continue to meet its permitted discharge consents.

Our reference data tables are updated in April each year (following submission to regulators). Previously identified headroom may no longer be available.

Foul Drainage Network - Sustainable Point of Connection (SPOC)

We have assessed the receiving foul water drainage system to identify a sustainable point of connection for your site to connect to the public sewerage network without causing a detriment to the operation of the system.

Infrastructure Costs

The network infrastructure charge per dwelling is set for the 2026-27 charging period at £600.00. For a development of 50 dwellings the total infrastructure charge will total £30,000.00 excluding VAT.

Please note that you should also budget for infrastructure charges on non-household premises where applicable and these will be calculated according to the number and type of water fittings in the premises. This is called the “relevant multiplier” method of calculating the charge. The relevant multiplier will be applied to the figures set out in our 2026-27 Developer Charging Arrangements to arrive at the amount payable. Details of the relevant multiplier for each fitting can be found on our website.

Section 1 - Anglian Water Assets and Easements

The comments contained within this report relate to the public water mains and sewers indicated on our records. Your attention is drawn to the disclaimer in the useful information section of this report.

Pipes - We have identified pipework infrastructure within the boundaries of your site

Other Assets – We do not have other assets within 20m of your site

Source Protection Zone (SPZ) – Your site does not sit within an identified SPZ

Water Recycling Centre (WRC) – Your site is not within a WRC encroachment zone

The proposed development site boundary is highlighted on Anglian Water's asset record in figure 1. Additionally, it is highly recommended that you carry out a thorough investigation of your proposed working area to establish whether any unmapped public or private sewers and lateral drains are in existence.

Any potential instances of asset encroachment are to be identified and addressed at planning. Anglian Water are unable to permit development either over or within the easement strip without prior consent. The extent of asset easements are available in Table 1 for used water and Table 2 for potable water. Please be aware that the existing water mains/public sewers should be located in highway or open space and not in private gardens. This is to ensure available access for any future maintenance and repair and this should be taken into consideration when planning your site layout.

Used Water Easements – Measured either side of the centre line (m)						
	Depth to Invert (m)					
Sewer Diameter(mm)	< 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 6	6 - 7.5	> 7.5
< 150	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	4.0
150 - 299	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	4.0
300 - 449	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	4.0
450 - 600	3.5	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	4.0
601 - 749	3.5	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	4.0
750 - 924	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.5	6.5	5.0
925 - 1000	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.5	6.5	5.0

Table 1: Anglian Water used water asset easements

Potable Water Easements - Measured either side of the centre line (m)	
Potable Mains Pipe Diameter (mm)	Distance either side of the centre line (m)
< 150	2.25
150 - 449	3.0
450 - 749	4.5
750 >	6

Table 2: Anglian Water potable water asset easements

If it is not possible to avoid our assets then these may need to be diverted in accordance with Section 185 of the Water Industry Act (1991). You will need to make a formal application if you would like a diversion to be considered; please note that in some instances assets cannot be diverted; it is therefore vital to engage with our Drainage team prior to finalising site layout. The Drainage team can be contacted by calling 03456 066 087.

Due to the private sewer transfer in October 2011 many newly adopted public used water assets and their history are not indicated on our records. You also need to be aware that your development site may contain private water mains, drains or other assets not shown on our records. These are private assets and not the responsibility of Anglian Water but that of the landowner.

For your information, please be aware:

- We need to inform you that a 175mm diameter sewer main runs within your site boundary that may be affected by the proposed development.
- Anglian Water does not permit existing assets to be located within the curtilage of the proposed development buildings and we do not permit permeable paving or suds features over our assets. These assets should be located in areas of public open space and/or adoptable highways to ensure on-going maintenance and access is possible.
- Development is not permissible either over or within the established easement strip of any public asset without Anglian Water's granted prior consent.
- A new developments site layout must adhere to the required easements. You may also discuss potential diversions with us.
- Please be aware that existing water mains/public sewers should be located in highway or open space and not in private gardens or curtilages.
- Rising mains may not be located under play equipment or SUDS features. This is to ensure available access for any future maintenance and repair and this should be taken into consideration when planning your site layout.
- No significant planting can be located in the designated easement strip, to ensure that root intrusion does not pose a risk to our assets. Where necessary and to maintain the aesthetics of the proposed landscaping, ornamental/low lying hedges or similar are considered acceptable, but should be limited.
- In any case where site levels are to be altered within an easement strip, Anglian Water will request a CCTV survey is undertaken to understand the existing condition of the affected sewer and potential impact of this proposal. The footage and accompanying report should be provided to Anglian Water alongside any observations or recommendations (should these be identified) by your designer. In addition, the manholes in this area would also need to be raised to finished level. Anglian Water would expect photographs confirming the existing construction of these chambers and a design drawing which illustrates how this outcome will be achieved whilst maintaining compliance with Design and Construction Guidance (DCG) standards.
- Anglian Water will expect confirmation of the established measures that will allow 24 hour unencumbered access for assets within the vicinity of the development. It is beneficial to understand how awareness of Anglian Water's need for access to provide this in perpetuity will be established going forward. It can be assumed that plot transfers (if appropriate) will contain covenants/rights relating to these assets; we would appreciate clarification on this point.
- It is the developer's responsibility to ensure the correct sight surveys are completed i.e. trial holes, to ascertain the exact location of Anglian Water assets. You should then present your findings to Anglian Water – we may need to complete formal risk assessments (at the developers cost) for certain asset types.



Figure 1: The site boundary for the proposed development as shown on Anglian Water asset records.

Section 2 – Used Water Assessment

In examining the used water system we assess the ability for your site to connect to the public sewerage network without causing a detriment to the operation of the system. We also assess the receiving Water Recycling Centre and determine the headroom available to manage the increased effluent flows and effluent quality from your development.

Water Recycling Centre

When assessing the receiving Water Recycling Centre's (WRC) Dry Weather Flow (DWF) headroom we take the latest Q90 DWF figures, as verified by the Environment Agency and add to this, sites with planning consent.

Based on the above assessment Hitchin WRC is within the acceptance parameters and can accommodate the flows from the proposed growth.

Anglian Water cannot reserve capacity and the available capacity at the water recycling centre can be reduced at any time due to growth, environmental and regulation driven changes.

The available capacity at all Water Recycling Centres in the Anglian Water region is updated annually in April. This update ensures the most current data is used in evaluating developments. Consequently the available headroom will change for Hitchin WRC which could potentially change the recommendation of our pre-planning capacity assessment and our planning response, both of which will be in line with the most recent flow figures for Hitchin Water Recycling Centre.

Used Water Network

Our assessment has been based on your development flows connecting to the nearest foul water sewer of the same size or greater pipe diameter that may sustainably drain the site.

The infrastructure to convey foul water flows to the receiving sewerage network is the responsibility of the developer.

Conveyance to the connection point is considered as Onsite Work and includes all work carried out upstream of the point of connection, including making the connection to our existing network.

This connection point has been determined in reference to the calculated discharge flow and on this basis, a 150mm internal diameter pipe is required to drain the development site. We have assessed network performance to determine the sustainable point of connection and have found 2 alternative connection points available for the site.

Sustainable Point of Connection 1 – is to the 150mm sewer at manhole 9602 located in Hambridge Way at National Grid Reference (NGR) TL 14964 31678. SPoC 1 is highlighted in figure 2. The cover and invert levels for this manhole are unavailable in our asset record.

Sustainable Point of Connection 2 – is to the 150mm sewer at manhole 8503 located in Walnut Tree Road at National Grid Reference (NGR) TL 14881 31524. SPoC 2 is highlighted in figure 2. The cover and invert levels for this manhole are unavailable in our asset record.

Anglian Water has assessed the local foul sewerage network up to the Water Recycling Centre and determined that the additional foul flow from the proposed development would not create an unacceptable risk of flooding to our existing customers and the environment.

In line with the Sewage Sector Guidance - Appendix C - Design and Construction Guidance (DCG) - [Sewerage Sector Guidance - approved documents | Water UK](#), the pumped discharge will need to connect via an intermediate manhole and at least 5 metres of an appropriately sized gravity sewer.

The pump rate and configuration of the connection will be determined with your detailed design. You should submit this detail with your Section 106 new connection application.

Anglian Water cannot reserve capacity and therefore you are recommended to formally apply for a connection at your earliest convenience. Please note that available capacity in our network can be reduced at any time due to increased requirements from existing businesses and dwellings as well as from new housing and new commercial developments.

Please note that Anglian Water will request a suitably worded condition at planning application stage to ensure this strategy is implemented to mitigate the risk of flooding.

Considerations for Manhole Connections - When connecting to a manhole, it is essential to consider the management of existing flows whilst the connection is taking place. Similarly, the existing configuration of the manhole (including existing connections and access ladders/landings) should be determined beforehand to ensure the proposed connection is feasible. Man entry requirements at the manhole must be carefully planned and executed in accordance with confined space procedures and Anglian Water requirements to ensure safety and compliance.

Requirements for Sewer Connections - In cases where the connection is made directly to the sewer rather than a manhole, the developer will be responsible for conducting a condition survey of the sewer. This survey is necessary to confirm that the sewer is structurally sound and capable of accommodating the proposed connection without compromising its integrity. For sewers of 375mm diameter or greater, a saddle connection at a 10 or 2 o'clock angle is generally preferred. The method and mode of connection will be fully considered as part of your Section 106 sewer connection application.

Used Water Budget Costs

For a development site that benefits from full planning permission, infrastructure charges are raised on a standard basis of one charge per new connection, one each for water supply and drainage connections.

Infrastructure charges are applied to each new property connecting to the public water and sewerage network. The infrastructure charge type is set out in Section 146(2) of the Water Industry Act 1991.

The charge should be paid by any party that wishes to build or develop a property and is payable upon request of connection.

The sewerage infrastructure charge per dwelling is set for the 2026-27 charging period at £600.00. For a development of 50 dwellings the total infrastructure charge will total £30,000.00 excluding VAT.

Please note that you should also budget for infrastructure charges on non-household premises where applicable and these will be calculated according to the number and type of water fittings in the premises. This is called the “relevant multiplier” method of calculating the charge. The relevant multiplier will be applied to the figures set out in our 2026-2027 Developer Charging Arrangements to arrive at the amount payable. Details of the relevant multiplier for each fitting can be found on our website.

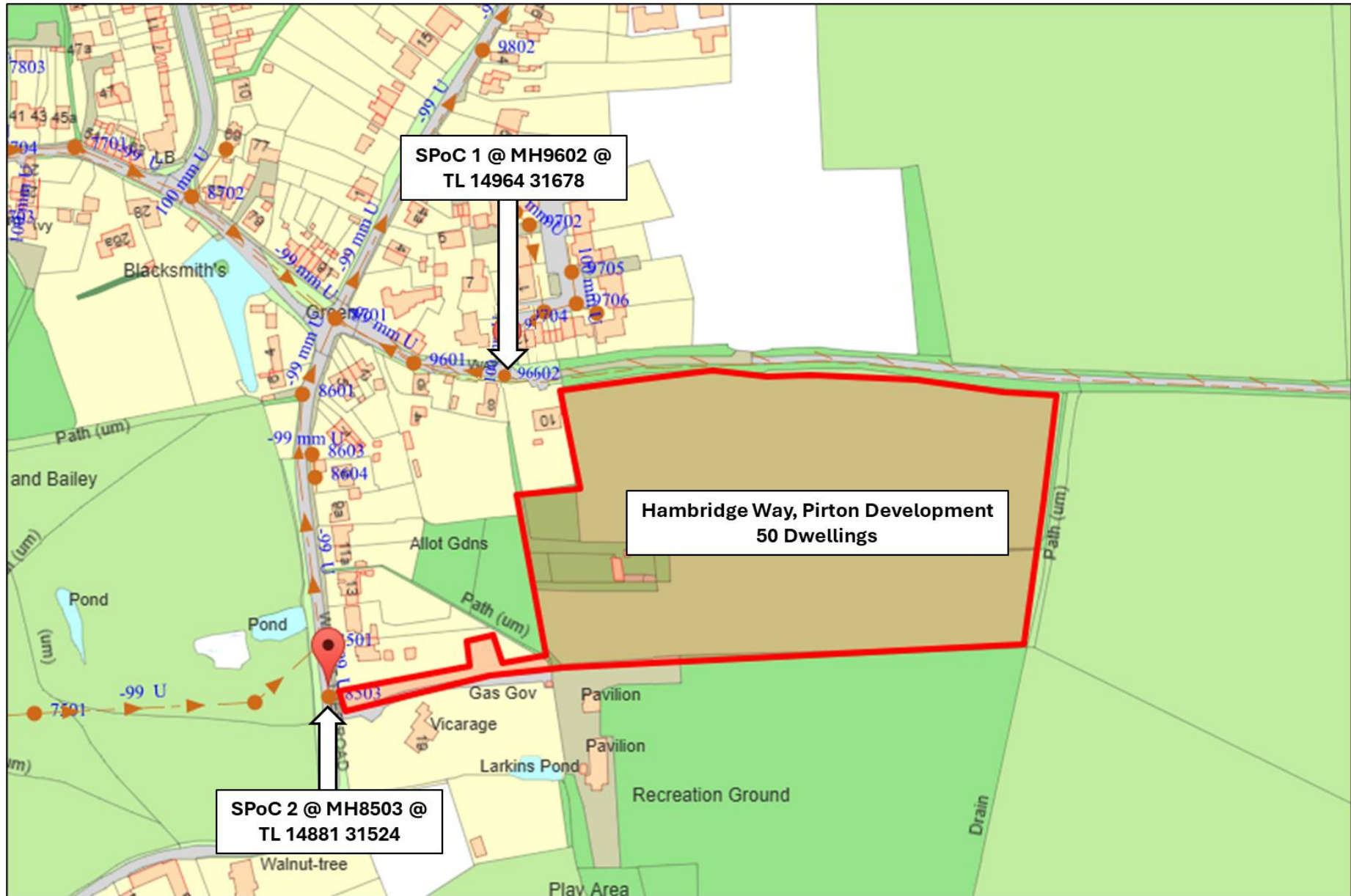


Figure 2: Showing your water recycling foul point of connection

Section 3 – Useful Information

Water Industry Act – Key used water sections

Section 98:

This provides you with the right to requisition a new public sewer. The new public sewer can be constructed by Anglian Water on your behalf. Alternatively, you can construct the sewer yourself under section 30 of the Anglian Water Authority Act 1977.

Section 102:

This provides you with the right to have an existing sewerage asset vested by us. It is your responsibility to bring the infrastructure to an adoptable condition ahead of the asset being vested.

Section 104:

This provides you with the right to have a design technically vetted and an agreement reached that will see us adopt your assets following their satisfactory construction and connection to the public sewer.

Section 106:

This provides you with the right to have your constructed sewer connected to the public sewer.

Section 185:

This provides you with the right to have a public sewerage asset diverted. Details on how to make a formal application for a new sewer, new connection or diversion are available on our website or via our Development Services team on 0345 60 66 087.

Surface Water Drainage

All surface water must be managed in line with Building Regs / Sewer Sector Guidance (SSG). Our guidance document and Surface Water policy detail our requirements and expectations. You must explore all on-site options per the SUDS hierarchy before speaking to us about a possible connection to our SW drainage network. We recommend that you contact the Local Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for your site to discuss your application.

Sustainable drainage systems

Some existing urban drainage systems have additional risks of flooding, pollution or damage to the environment and are not resilient to climate change in the long term. Our preferred method of surface water disposal is through the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems or SuDS. SuDS are a range of techniques that aim to mimic the way surface water drains in natural systems within urban areas. For more information on SuDS, please visit our [website](#).

Private sewer transfers

Sewers and lateral drains connected to the public sewer on the 1 July 2011 transferred into Water Company ownership on the 1 October 2011. This follows the implementation of the Floods and Water Management Act (FWMA). This included sewers and lateral drains that were subject to an existing Section 104 Adoption Agreement and those that were not. There were exemptions and the main non-transferable assets were as follows:

Surface water sewers and lateral drains that do not discharge to the public sewer, e.g. those that discharged to a watercourse.

Foul sewers and lateral drains that discharged to a privately owned sewage treatment/collection facility. Pumping stations and rising mains will transfer between 1 October 2011 and 1 October 2016.

The implementation of Section 42 of the FWMA will ensure that future private sewers will not be created. It is anticipated that all new sewer applications will need to have an approved section 104 application ahead of a section 106 connection.

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Encroachment

Anglian Water operates a risk based approach to development encroachment on our above and below ground infrastructure and assets.

Locating our assets

Maps detailing the location of our water and used water infrastructure including both underground assets and above ground assets such as pumping stations and recycling centres are available from digdat.

All requests from members of the public or non-statutory bodies for maps showing the location of our assets will be subject to an appropriate administrative charge.

We have more information on our website.

Charging arrangements

Our charging arrangements and summary for this year's water and used water connection and infrastructure charges can be found on our website [Charges](#)

Environmental Incentives

Following regulatory guidance and changes to the charging rules the Infrastructure Charge for connections to our water network will no longer attract an income offset discount after 31st March 2025. This will be replaced with a new Environmental Incentive Scheme (EIS) aimed at promoting water efficiency and sustainability.

Anglian Water's EIS has been developed in accordance with the Environmental Incentive Common Framework (EICF), which was released by Ofwat in December 2024. For this charging year, 2026-27, and in accordance with Ofwat guidance, only household properties will be eligible for our EIS. We will continue to reassess this for future charging years.

There are two elements to our EIS;

Water Environmental Incentive

The applicant must demonstrate the newly connected property is designed to achieve consumption of 90 litres per person per day (pppd) or less.

Post property connection, we will conduct compliance audits on the first connected property and 10% of the remaining properties on a random basis.

Sewerage Environmental Incentive

Post property connection for redeveloped brownfield sites we will complete a site inspection to confirm the removal of surface water flows.

Environmental Component

This charge is used solely to fund the Environmental Incentive and is uniformly applied upon connection of each developed property; this includes connections which do not qualify for the Environmental Incentive.

Environmental Incentives	Charge per property
Water Environmental Incentive	-500
Environmental Incentive Component Charge Water	100
Additional Water EIS Audit (per premises)	84
Sewerage Environmental Incentive (50% of Sewerage Infra)	-202
Environmental Incentive Component Charge Sewerage	0

Our EIS will be available between 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2030 and during this period, we reserve the right to make any amendments to the EIS as we may see fit, including amendments to the value of both Environmental Incentives and the Component Charges. The EIS may close on 31st March 2030, therefore, to qualify for the Environmental Incentives, your plot must be connected to our network and validated by us. Please refer to our Developer Charging [Arrangements](#) for full details. To learn more or apply for our environmental incentive scheme please visit our website [Water Environmental Incentive Scheme](#)

Section 4 - Disclaimer

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This report should not be considered in isolation and does not nullify the need for the enquirer to make additional appropriate searches, inspections and enquiries. Anglian Water supports the plan led approach to sustainable development that is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework ('NPPF') and any infrastructure needs identified in this report must be considered in the context of current, adopted and/or emerging local plans. Where local plans are absent, silent or have expired these needs should be considered against the definition of sustainability holistically as set out in the NPPF.

Whilst the information in this report is based on the presumption that proposed development obtains planning permission, nothing in this report confirms that planning permission will be granted or that Anglian Water will be bound to carry out the works/proposals contained within this report.

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Furthermore, in no event will any of those parties be liable to the applicant or any third party for any decision made or action taken as a result of reliance on this report.

This report is valid from the date issued and the enquirer is advised to resubmit their request for an up to date report should there be a delay in submitting any subsequent application for water supply/sewer connection(s). Our pre-planning reports are valid for 12 months. Please note Anglian Water cannot reserve capacity and available capacity in our network can be reduced at any time due to increased requirements from existing businesses and houses as well as from new housing and new commercial developments.