



Planning Application - Anglian Water Response

Anglian Water site reference:	PLN-0239910
Response date:	02 April 2026
Local Planning Authority:	North Herts
Planning application reference:	25/03113/FP
Site address:	2 Snailswell Lane Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3TP
Proposal description:	Erection of two semi-detached 4-bedroom dwellings including ASHPs to side elevations, associated photovoltaic solar panels to rear roofslopes, hard and soft landscaping, parking and creation of two vehicular crossovers off Snailswell Lane.

Should you wish to discuss this response, please find our contact details below:

Phone: 03450263912 (Monday to Friday 08:00 – 17:00 excluding bank holidays)

Email: planningliaison@anglianwater.co.uk

Response prepared by Anglian Water Growth, Planning and Capacity Team.

Please find our website below:

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/developing/planning--capacity/>

Section 1 - Assets Affected

New development must comply with Building Regulations and the Water Industry Act.

Our records show that there are no assets owned by Anglian Water or those subject to an adoption agreement within the development site boundary or affected by the proposals.

It is highly recommended that the applicant carries out a thorough investigation of the proposed working area to establish whether any unmapped public or private sewers, lateral drains, or other water infrastructure assets are in existence. 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. Any encroachment zones should be reflected in the site layout.

The 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.

Further general information and guidance can be found on our website.

Information on locating our assets:

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/developers/development-services/locating-our-assets/>

Guidance on the private sewer transfer regulations 2011:

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/siteassets/developers/drainage-services/aws-sewer-ownership-guidance-sm-v2.pdf>

If providing any required easements is not possible, Anglian Waters permission is required for diverting, or crossing/building over, any of our assets:

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/developers/drainage-services/building-over-or-near-our-assets/>

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/developing/water-services/water-mains-diversion/>

Our Drainage and Water Connections teams can provide further advice with regard to the private sewer transfer, diversions, and building over existing assets:

drainage@anglianwater.co.uk

connections@anglianwater.co.uk

0345 606 6087 (8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)

Section 2 - Wastewater Treatment

When assessing Dry Weather Flow (DWF) headroom at the receiving Water Recycling Centre (WRC), we apply a three-year Q90 DWF average (2023–2025), together with the flows associated with sites that already benefit from planning consent.

Our DWF dataset is reviewed and updated annually in consultation with the Environment Agency. This ensures that our planning assessments reflect the most up-to-date information regarding the WRC's compliance with its environmental permit and its ability to accommodate additional flows from new development without creating an unacceptable risk of breaching environmental legislation. This approach also ensures that there is no pollution or deterioration of the receiving watercourse.

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

Section 3 - Used Water Disposal

The sewerage network at present has available capacity for the anticipated foul flows. If the developer wishes to connect to our sewerage network they should serve notice under Section 106 of the Water Industry Act 1991. We will then advise them of the most suitable point of connection.

1. INFORMATIVE - Notification of intention to connect to the public sewer under S106 of the Water Industry Act Approval and consent will be required by Anglian Water, under the Water Industry Act 1991. Contact Development Services Team 0345 606 6087 Option 2.
2. INFORMATIVE - Building near to a public sewer - No building will be permitted within the statutory easement width of 3 metres from the pipeline without agreement from Anglian Water. Please contact Development Services Team on 0345 606 6087 Option 2.
3. INFORMATIVE: The developer should note that the site drainage details submitted have not been approved for the purposes of adoption. If the developer wishes to have the sewers included in a sewer adoption agreement with Anglian Water (under Sections 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991), they should contact our Development Services Team on 0345 606 6087 Option 2 at the earliest opportunity. Sewers intended for adoption should be designed and constructed in accordance with Sewers for Adoption guide for developers, as supplemented by Anglian Water's requirements.

Section 4 - Surface Water Disposal

The preferred method of surface water disposal would be to a sustainable drainage system (SuDS) with connection to sewer seen as the last option. Building Regulations (part H) on Drainage and Waste Disposal for England includes a surface water drainage hierarchy, with infiltration on site as the preferred disposal option, followed by discharge to watercourse and then connection to a sewer.

From the details submitted to support the planning application the proposed method of surface water management does not relate to Anglian Water operated assets. As such, we are unable to provide comments on the suitability of the surface water management. The Local Planning Authority should seek the advice of the Lead Local Flood Authority or the Internal Drainage Board. The Environment Agency should be consulted if the drainage system directly or indirectly involves the discharge of water into a watercourse.

If planning permission is granted, the strategy should be listed within the decision notice with any approved plans.

Should the proposed method of surface water management change to include interaction with Anglian Water operated assets, we would wish to be re-consulted to ensure that an effective surface water drainage strategy is prepared and implemented.