

Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 16 consultation responses

Anglian Water

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Thank you for the opportunity to comments on the proposed modifications to the Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan. The following response is provided on behalf of Anglian Water.

Policy CAS6: Climate Change

We note that it proposed to include an additional policy relating to climate change in the Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan.

Policy CAS6 refers to non-residential developments within the Parish achieving a BREEAM standard of 'excellent'.

We are supportive of this requirement as this can include water efficiency measures as part of the BREEAM scoring for development proposals.

Policy CAS8: Local Green Spaces

It is noted that Gobbey Field is proposed to be designated as an additional area of Local Green Space.

There are foul sewers in Anglian Water's ownership located within this designated local green space.

Land designated as Local Green Spaces has the same status as Green Belt land as outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework and the associated policy requirements.

As such most types of development which require planning permission are not considered to be appropriate with some limited exceptions.

It is therefore suggested that the following supporting text be added to the Neighbourhood Plan:

'For the purposes of policy CAS8 the very special circumstances would include development required by a utility company to fulfil their statutory obligations to their customers.'