Emberton Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 16 consultation responses

Anglian Water

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We note Policy H1 seeks the 'organic growth of housing within the village'. The potential scale of growth is likely to be able to be serviced through extensions to and new connections to the water supply and water recycling network. Emberton is within the Olney Water Recycling Centre (WRC) catchment. The Olney WRC has headroom to cater for further growth and so growth of the quantum indicated in the draft Neighbourhood Plan should be capable of being served by new connections to the catchment public sewer network. The availability of WRC and wastewater network capacity will be a matter for developers to engage with Anglian Water on in pre application discussions. Developers should contact planningliaison@anglianwater.co.uk.

On policy BE1, we note that no new employment sites are proposed. Given the current typology of business it is likely that new business would be similar and so have low levels of water demand. We would urge that businesses should be encouraged to be water efficient. On this point, please find attached Anglian Water's new non- domestic water demand policy. The policy reinforces the need for the highest levels of water efficiency on employment sites and the need to go further than the 110 litres per person per day standard in current Building Regulations and in the adopted Plan MK.

We welcome Policy CFR1 mandating the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) for new developments. Given the location of Emberton the requirement that new development should not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere is supported to ensure that developments do not add to surface water and then fluvial flows downstream.

I can confirm that the draft Neighbourhood Plan presents no issues on which Anglian Water would want to object and at this stage seek modifications.