

Dear Rosemary

Thank you for your email on behalf of Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council.

Please find the answers to your questions below.

1. Regarding the Anglian water pipeline from Lincolnshire to Essex, (which has been postponed until further notice) was this existing pipeline corridor (or part of) considered for this scheme.

The Strategic Pipeline Alliance (SPA) project is much further ahead in project development and construction in order to meet our near-term water transfer requirements. We are aware that our proposed pipeline corridors for the Lincolnshire reservoir affect some areas of land that will be used to build the SPA pipeline. We are evaluating different engineering options to minimise disruption to local communities impacted by both projects.

Construction of the Lincolnshire reservoir and its connecting infrastructure is not expected to start until 2029-2030, based on our current timeline.

2. If you are using the Wilsthorpe reservoir as a holding area, why are you not using the existing structures and corridor to Peterborough? Residents felt that this was a more direct route and cause less disruption.

As part of our proposed water supply infrastructure, we have proposed building a pipeline from the reservoir to a new service reservoir at Wilsthorpe. A new pipeline and service reservoir is necessary as the existing infrastructure in this area is already working at full capacity.

The proposed locations for the pipeline and service reservoir were identified through our options appraisal process. To learn more about this please click [here](#).

3. What other alternative corridors have been considered for the building of the pipeline which would take disruption away from Wilsthorpe, Braceborough and Greatford, ie, further east?

A number of different pipeline corridors were identified and evaluated as part of the options appraisal process. Three options (pipeline W3, W5 and W6) progressed to the

final appraisal stage:

- Pipeline corridor W3 is the corridor currently being presented in our proposals.
- Pipeline corridor W5 ran in a slightly south westerly direction, crossing the A52 and running parallel to the A15. The A15 would be on the pipeline's eastern side, as would Billingborough, Pointon and Dowsby. Corridor W5 would then run further south passing Dunsby and Haconby and pass through the outskirts of Bourne before crossing the A15 to the south of Thurlby to the service reservoir.
- Pipeline corridor W6 ran in a slightly south easterly direction, crossing the A52 near Swaton and the B1177. The corridor would then run parallel to the B1177, with the road on the corridor's western side. The pipeline would run south and pass through the outskirts of Bourne before crossing the A15 to the south of Thurlby to the service reservoir.

Corridor W6 was least preferred as it has a similar capital cost to Corridor W5 but has a longer proportion of the route in unfavourable ground conditions, and therefore presenting a higher risk that construction cost and duration will increase. As such corridor W6 was not taken forward to stage D.

Both Corridor W3 and Corridor W5 were taken forward to Stage D to allow for further consideration of each option. In Stage D the project elements were combined to form whole scheme options, which were compared against each other. The whole scheme option which included Corridor W3 was found to be preferred at this stage, as the downstream corridor (W3) was found to have less potential for environmental impacts on heritage and ecological sites including Car Dyke, Baston Fen SSSI, Thurlby Fen SSSI, and the goose and swan habitat associated with designated sites (functionally linked land). W3 was also believed to cross less unfavourable ground conditions than W5.

To learn more and view the map which shows the routes of the three corridors please see our options appraisal report [here](#).

4. If other alternatives were considered, what were the reasons for not progressing any of those forward?

Please see the answer to the question above and our options appraisal report [here](#).

5. What consideration has been given to the residential impact of the construction

work?

Our work on construction is at an early stage given that our proposals are still evolving. At this stage, we have only just identified the broad areas within which the required infrastructure could be located.

However, our early thoughts on our approach to traffic and transport during the construction phase can be found in our fact sheet [here](#).

Given the scale of the project, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is to be undertaken as part of the development of our proposals. The EIA will contain both a traffic and transport plan, alongside a detailed construction management plan.

The EIA process is integral to the design evolution of the project as it identifies impacts at an early stage to ensure design decisions are made which avoid or reduce impacts.

The EIA will be reported in an Environmental Statement (ES) that will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as part of our Development Consent Order application for the project. The ES will include the outcome of the assessment, including any likely significant effects from the project on the environment (including the surrounding community) and details of any proposed mitigation.

This will enable the Secretary of State to understand the likely significant effects of the project prior to making its decision on whether to grant consent. This is in the context of relevant national policy and, in particular, the National Policy Statement (NPS) for Water Resources Infrastructure.

The findings of the EIA feed into developing the project design. As we develop our designs, the EIA process helps us make informed choices that promote sustainable development and protect the environment.

We hope to provide more information regarding our approach to construction at our next phase of consultation.

6. What timescale has been allotted for the planned construction at the Wilsthorpe, Braceborough and Greatford section.

We are unable to provide a specific timescale for construction in the Wilstrope, Braceborough and Greatford areas at this time. We hope to provide further information on this in future phases of consultation.

We appreciate your desire to understand more about the construction period in this area and thank you for your patience as we continue to develop our plans.

7. When would a flood risk assessment on the proposed development be undertaken, especially as Greatford, and Tallington have suffered significant damage from flooding in January 2024?

In the period following our second phase of consultation (post 9 August) we will be conducting a flood risk assessment and continuing our work with relevant stakeholders to inform our revised proposals, alongside feedback from the community.

We are committed to ensuring that our plans won't worsen existing flood risks. To find out more, please see our fact sheet about managing flood risks, available [here](#).

8. When would an HGV routing agreement be undertaken and reviewed by residents?

As mentioned above, we hope to present our proposals for traffic and transport in a future phase of consultation.

However, our early work has highlighted that due to the type and size of equipment required and for access for construction staff, we will be at least partially reliant on road for the construction of the reservoir. At this stage we would anticipate mainly using main roads for this, primarily the A-roads closest to the reservoir and other sites, but some use of local roads may also be needed.

To learn more, please click [here](#).

9. What times and days would work on construction of pipeline be undertaken?

As noted above, our work on construction is at an early stage and so we are unable to say at this time when construction of the pipeline will be undertaken. We are in the process of developing our proposals further, including more detail on wider considerations such as construction.

When developing our plans, we will give due consideration to the effects of construction on residents. The well-being of the community we serve is a priority to us and so will be at the heart of our construction plans. The Environmental Impact Assessment we must

undertake as part of the application for the reservoir also requires us to identify and consider how we can mitigate any negative impacts of construction. How we address these concerns will be integral to the approval of the project.

10. What compensation would parishes receive for the disruption caused while work is undertaken?

We are not able to say if and what compensation will be provided to parishes due to the disruption caused by construction at this stage. However, we are committed to continuing engagement with all communities affected by our proposals as we develop our thinking further, and will continue to keep you informed of any project developments.

Thank you for your questions and interest in the project. If you have any further thoughts or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Lincolnshire Reservoir Project Team

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