
STAMBRIDGE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council has been requested by Stambridge Parish Council to support the continuation of site visits by the Parish's representative.

2 SITE VISITS

- 2.1 For a number of years, a representative of Stambridge Parish Council has visited the sewage treatment works on a monthly basis to check on conditions and report back to the Parish Council and the local community. This was undertaken with the agreement of the site operator, Anglian Water Services.
- 2.2 At the end of November 2003, Anglian Water Services proposed to the Parish Council that, in future, site visits should be carried out only when either something fundamental on the site has altered or if there is a specific need for a meeting to take place as part of the joint working party that is to be established to consider Anglian Water's sludge treatment proposals.
- 2.3 Anglian Water's view is that the site is not likely to change until decisions about future sludge treatment are implemented and, therefore, that regular site visits are no longer of any value. They have confirmed their willingness to continue to attend Parish and District Council meetings and the new working group, and to provide information with respect to breakdowns at the site, with opportunities for a site visit at an appropriate time if there are changes at the site.
- 2.4 Stambridge Parish Council have expressed concern about stopping the monthly site visits, which they consider provide a very useful source of information for local people, and are seeking the Council's support.

3 RISK IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Reputation Risk

The Council has provided a great deal of support to Stambridge residents in trying to resolve issues arising from operations at the sewage treatment works and the implications of declining to support this request need to be considered.

4 Resource Implications

- 4.1 There are no resource implications for the Council other than a small amount of officer time in writing to Anglian Water if Members resolve to support the Parish Council's request for continued site visits.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RECOMMENDS**

That the request to Anglian Water Services for the continuation of regular site visits by a representative of Stambridge Parish Council be supported by this Council.

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Background Papers:

Copies of emails and letters from Stambridge Parish Council

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