

Lincolnshire Reservoir Community Liaison Group

Summary of meeting

Date: 27 November 2025

Location: Screddington Community Centre

Attending organisations:

Burton Pedwardine Village Meeting	North Kesteven District Council
Helpringham Parish Council	Screddington Parish Council
Lincolnshire Community Foundation	Swaton Parish Council
Lincolnshire County Council	Threackingham, Spanby and Stow Parish Meeting
Little Hale Parish Council	

Summary of the meeting Welcome and introduction

The Chair welcomed members to the sixth Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting.

Review of previous CLG meeting

The agenda and actions from the last CLG meeting were reviewed.

Project update

Anglian Water provided members with an update on the project's progress to date, including the ongoing survey works off Mareham Lane and continued engagement with local communities.

Anglian Water also confirmed that responses to feedback from statutory stakeholders during the second phase of consultation had largely been issued. Individual responses to landowners are still being worked through and will be sent in the new year.

Anglian Water also reminded members of the broader project timeline.

Surveys

Anglian Water provided an update on survey works, explaining the types of ground investigations and non-intrusive surveys that have been taking place since spring 2025.

This work included four observational trial pits (OTPs), 94 boreholes, 405 archaeological trial pits and over 222 days of surveying completed by walkover teams.

Surveys completed this year have focused on the main reservoir site, and these will continue into 2026. Survey activity for 2026 will also be extended to include locations for the proposed associated water infrastructure across the project – with six OTPs and ground investigations planned for these areas.

Anglian Water answered questions from members that arose during the session about survey activity.

Ongoing project development work

Anglian Water outlined the ongoing project development work, including some of the key areas being developed and explored further, such as:

- location and technology options for renewable energy provision to power the reservoir sustainably.
- the electricity line currently running across the site that would need to be re-routed prior to construction of the reservoir, including what the diversion could involve and location options.
- our thinking on construction – from routes and methods for transporting materials and workers, to road and utility diversions.
- Re-evaluating options previously considered for moving water from sources to the reservoir, looking at amounts needed and quality of water available.

It was explained that although Anglian Water is unable to provide detailed information on these topics now, further information will be presented at future phases of consultation.

Consultation and engagement plans

Anglian Water outlined future consultation and engagement plans, explaining that there will be a third phase of consultation in 2026. Plans for this phase of consultation are currently being worked through.

Since the last consultation in 2024, Anglian Water has been holding briefings with parish councils. In light of these conversations, a new poster was created and sent out to ensure that the project and its contact details were visible to local communities outside of consultation.

Group discussion

The group shared ideas on how to best engage with local communities, both during and in between periods of consultation. Insights shared by attendees have been collated by the consultation team to help inform future engagement plans.

Thriving Communities Fund

Anglian Water talked through the new Thriving Communities Fund. Between 2025 and 2030, Anglian Water will be investing £5.3 million of shareholder funds in a range of projects that focus on enhancing the water environment and delivering real social benefits. The Fund is not linked to the reservoir project and can be applied for by all community-led initiatives across the Anglian Water region. Anglian Water provided information on eligibility and next steps.

Q&A

Opportunity for final questions from members.

Close

The Chair thanked members for attending. The next meeting date has not been confirmed.