

Lincolnshire Reservoir Community Liaison Group

Summary of meeting

Date: 25 June 2025

Location: Scredington Community Centre

Attending organisations:

Burton Pedwardine Parish Meeting	North Kesteven District Council
Helpringham Parish Council	Threackingham Parish Council
Lincolnshire County Council	Scredington Parish Council
Swaton Parish Council	

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Welcome and introduction

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

Review of previous CLG meeting

The agenda and actions from the last CLG meeting were reviewed. It was confirmed that all pre-submitted questions will be discussed once the project team update had concluded their update.

Project update

Anglian Water (AW) shared a project update with members explaining the project had remobilised following a pause period after the second phase of consultation in 2024. Feedback from the consultation has been reviewed and a summary document was published in January 2025.

AW provided a recap on the project timeline, noting we're intending to do a further two rounds of consultation prior to submitting our application in late 2028/early 2029.

Surveys

AW provided an overview of survey works and what they will involve, confirming they will start w/c 30 June. AW introduced the compound site manager who was present at the meeting, as well as advising there will be a single point of contact for landowners going forward. It was confirmed that some people living within a 500 metre buffer of the indicative project boundary had been contacted about the survey programme.

AW outlined that survey work will involve low level noise and light machinery, however noise levels will be monitored throughout the survey works.

Flood risk assessment

AW delivered a presentation on flood risk management and the potential role of the reservoir in capturing rain water.

Key points from the presentation and subsequent discussion included:

- AW confirmed the flood risk modelling is considering the whole area, and that the project is engaging with the Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board (IDB).

- Members asked if the reservoir would affect the existing east/west rainwater flows, with Swaton and Spanby both referenced. AW said this is being investigated and more information would be available at the phase three consultation.
- AW outlined the process for the emergency drawdown and explained the legislative requirements for this being included in the reservoir design.
- AW confirmed that they are working with the Environment Agency and this includes work related to the Emergency Drawdown procedure.

Walking, Cycling, Horse-riding Assessment and Review

AW talked through the Walking, Cycling, Horse-riding Assessment and Review (WCHAR) process, informing them of the importance of stakeholder input.

Maps were displayed on tables and CLG members were invited to share their views on existing routes and potential opportunities relating to the reservoir.

Q&A

AW read out pre-submitted questions and shared answers with attendees.

The pre-submitted questions related to:

- Reservoir funding
- Construction traffic
- How the reservoir will be maintained
- Impact on local residents and property

Following the meeting AW received additional questions which were responded to after the meeting.

The questions raised after the meeting related to:

- Affinity Water's withdrawal from the Lincolnshire Reservoir project
- AW's cost, per cubic metre, in comparison to other water companies
- Leakage figures
- Concerns about ground water levels

Close

The Chair thanked members for attending. The next meeting was suggested to take place in October at the same venue.