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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information about Buckden sewage network capacity, which we received on 18 March 2026. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested:

1. The capacity assessment and subsequent spill data detailing the exact impact the 180 homes at Lucks Lane had on the network?
2. Has Anglian Water conducted a recent capacity assessment of the Buckden Water Recycling Centre to accommodate the foul flows from these specific 290 new homes?
3. What specific infrastructure upgrades are scheduled to handle this extra load safely?
4. Are network reinforcements planned?
5. How does Anglian Water plan to ensure this new development does not worsen the current circa 30% per annum diluted sewage discharge rate?
6. Has the developer initiated early discussions or made a pre development enquiry regarding connection to the public sewer?
7. Has Anglian Water advised them on the most suitable point of connection to minimise network strain ahead of their reserved matters application?

EIR Response: Provision of Requested Information

Item 1 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Anglian Water use a calculation to assess the expected flow from new development. This calculation is based on an average household occupancy of 2.368 persons, average per-capita daily water usage which is currently 126.2l/hd/day, and 25% allowance for infiltration, as no sewer network is a fully sealed system. Combines, this results in an estimated flow of 374litres per property per day.

Data from storm overflows is available on our website

Data for 2020 to 2025 is available at [Storm overflows](#)

Data for 2026 is available monthly at [Monthly EDM Publication](#)

Item 2 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Anglian Water conducted a capacity assessment on the proposed 290 homes in December 2020 upon receiving a consultation request from Huntingdonshire Local Planning Authority (reference PLN-0109707). We confirmed that the Buckden Water Recycling Centre had available capacity for the flows.

As of April 2026, we can confirm the Buckden Water Recycling Centre remains to have sufficient capacity to accommodate the anticipated flows.

Item 3 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

There is no infrastructure upgrades planned as a result of this development; we will plan investment in consultation with the Environment Agency where appropriate.

Item 4 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Whilst we do not have any specific network upgrade schemes for this development, any new connections to the Anglian Water network are required to pay an infrastructure charge. These charges are implemented to cover the cost of the extra demand on our existing network of pipes. The cost is payable by the person making or requesting the connection or, in the event of default by such a person, the occupier of the premises in respect of the connection that has been made or requested. Payment of the infrastructure charge must be made before the premises are connected to our water main or public sewer.

Infrastructure charges are applied to each new property connecting to the public water and sewerage network. The infrastructure charge type is set out in Section 146(2) of the Water Industry Act 1991.

Item 5 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Information on Anglian Waters Drainage and Water Recycling Management Plan is available on our website at [Drainage and waste recycling management plan](#)

Item 6 and 7 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Identifying sustainable point of connections to our network is a developer driven process.

Whilst we are unable to disclose confidential discussions, we actively encourage developers to formally engage with Anglian Water early in their pre-development stages via our Pre-Planning Enquiry (PPE) service, to agree drainage strategies, identifying and addressing any concerns ahead of proposed development where appropriate.

I can confirm however, there are no in date Pre-Planning Enquiries (PPEs) for this site, PPEs are only valid for 1 year.

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Yours sincerely

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