



Pre-Planning Assessment Report

Wakes Colne North

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Assessment Type: Water & Used Water

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Thank you for submitting a pre-planning enquiry.

This has been produced for:

Nicholas Percival

Your reference number is PPE-0224564.

This report can be submitted as a drainage strategy for the development should it seek planning permission.

If you have any questions upon receipt of this report, you can submit a further question via InFlow. Alternatively, please contact the Planning & Capacity team on 07929 786 955 or email planningliaison@anglianwater.co.uk

Section 1 - Proposed development

The response within this report has been based on the following information which was submitted as part of your application:

List of planned developments	
Type of development	No. Of units
Dwellings	200

The anticipated residential build rate is:

Year	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
Build rate	50	50	50	50

Development type: Greenfield

Planning application status: Unknown

Site grid reference number: TL8943428848

The comments contained within this report relate to the public water mains and sewers indicated on our records. Your attention is drawn to the disclaimer in the useful information section of this report.

Section 2 - Assets affected

Our records indicate that we have the following types of assets within or overlapping the boundary of your development site as listed in the table below.

Additionally, it is highly recommended that you carry out a thorough investigation of your proposed working area to establish whether any unmapped public or private sewers and lateral drains are in existence. We are unable to permit development either over or within the easement strip without our prior consent. The extent of the easement is provided in the table below. Please be aware that the existing water mains/public sewers should be located in highway or open space and not in private gardens. This is to ensure available access for any future maintenance and repair and this should be taken into consideration when planning your site layout.

Water and Used water easement information		
Asset type	Pipe size (mm)	Total easement required (m)
Water mains	203	6.00 m overall easement
Sewer mains	150	3.00 m either side of the centre line

If it is not possible to avoid our assets then these may need to be diverted in accordance with Section 185 of the Water Industry Act (1991). You will need to make a formal application if you would like a diversion to be considered.

Due to the private sewer transfer in October 2011 many newly adopted public used water assets and their history are not indicated on our records. You also need to be aware that your development site may contain private water mains, drains or other assets not shown on our records. These are private assets and not the responsibility of Anglian Water but that of the landowner.

Section 3 - Water supply

In examining the available capacity for your development site we assess the capacity and costs for two categories of water main. These are:

Strategic

These are the offsite potable water mains which deliver water within an area to a large number of development sites often across a number of towns. The strategic provision of these water mains enables us to provide of the cheapest solution across a large geographical area.

Local reinforcement

These are localised reinforcement mains to enable us to provide water to your development site. On most sites we also have two categories of water mains the Spine Mains and Housing Estate Mains (HEMs). To support your budgeting arrangements we have also examined the estimated cost for delivering the onsite water mains needed for a site of your size.

Water Supply Network Capacity

The water supply to the proposed development site can be provided from the existing mains. Our assessment has been based on a flow rate of 2.614l/s, if the flow rate you require is greater than this, please raise a further question through our customer portal.” Anglian Water cannot reserve capacity and therefore you are recommended to formally apply for a connection at your earliest convenience. Please note that available capacity in our network can be reduced at any time due to increased requirements from existing businesses and houses as well as from new housing and new commercial developments.

It is recommended that you apply for a formal mains connection at the earliest opportunity to allow us to design and plan the delivery of your connection work. Additionally, please note that where offsite reinforcement work has been identified, it could take up to 18 months to complete the necessary offsite reinforcement depending on the level of complexity.

Connection point(s)

Connection Point	Address	National Grid Reference (NGR)
CP-11914	Wakes Street	TL8929128549

Budget Water Costs

The costs provided in this report are based on the current information available. These costs are provided as an indicative estimate to help inform you on a budget for supplying water to your site.

Your development site will be required to pay an infrastructure charge for each new property connecting to the public water network that benefits from Full planning permission. The infrastructure charge replaces the zonal charge as previously identified.

You will be required to pay an infrastructure charge upon connection for each new plot on your development site. The infrastructure charge are types of charges set out in Section 146(2) of the Water Industry Act 1991

The charge should be paid by anyone who wishes to build or develop a property and is payable upon request of connection.

- The Infrastructure Charge is based on the cost of any reinforcement and upgrades to our existing network(“Network Reinforcements”), whether designed to address strategic or local capacity issues. For more information on our Infrastructure Charge, please see the ‘Useful Information’ section of this report.
- The Site-Specific costs are calculated at a 100% contribution on any new infrastructure that is required to be built to connect the development site to our existing network. This includes new infrastructure from (and including) the point of connection to our network. The development will receive an income offset in accordance with our 25-26 Developer Charging Arrangements on any new domestic or non- household domestic connection made to our network and applied to the water infrastructure charge as a plot connects.

Based on these budgetary costs, the cost to provide onsite water mains have been examined for your household properties and the estimated cost for delivering the onsite water mains needed for a site of your size is below:

Onsite water main	Number of units	Estimated cost
Estimated cost of onsite main delivery	200	£220,000.00

Water Infrastructure Charge

Infrastructure charges are raised on a standard basis of one charge per new connection (one for water and one for sewerage). However, if the new connection is to non-household premises, the infrastructure charges is calculated according to the number and type of water fittings in the premises. This is called the "relevant multiplier" method of calculating the charge. Details of the relevant multiplier for each fitting can be found at our [website](#).

Our 25/26 Developer Charging Arrangements includes an income offset discount on new domestic connections made to our network and is applied when the plot connects to the water network. The associated water infrastructure charge for household plot connections and income offset discount has been provided below.

The Water Infrastructure charge for your dwellings is:

Infrastructure charge	Number of units	Total
£ 502	200	£ 100,400

The Infrastructure discount for your dwellings is:

Infrastructure discount	Number of units	Total
-£ 491	200	-£ 98,200

A detailed cost breakdown will be provided on receipt of a formal application for a new water main.

Alternatively, you may wish to have the onsite main delivered by a Self-lay Provider under terms set out in a self-lay agreement. For more information on water mains and self-lay of water mains, please visit our [website](#).

Please note that you should also budget for infrastructure charges on non-household premises where applicable and these will be calculated according to the number and type of water fittings in the premises. This is called the "relevant multiplier" method of calculating the charge and the relevant multiplier will be applied to the figures set out in our 2025-26 Developer Charging Arrangements to arrive at the amount payable. Details of the relevant multiplier for each fitting can be found on our [website](#).

Section 4 - Water recycling services

In examining the used water system we assess the ability for your site to connect to the public sewerage network without causing a detriment to the operation of the system. We also assess the receiving water recycling centre and determine whether the water recycling centre can cope with the increased flow and effluent quality arising from your development.

Water recycling centre

This site is within the catchment of Earls Colne water recycling centre (WRC), which currently can accommodate the additional flows generated by the proposed development. Earls Colne WRC is included within our Business Plan as a named growth scheme with investment delivery planned between 2025-2030. To ensure there is no pollution or deterioration in the receiving watercourse due to the development foul flows we recommend a planning condition is applied if permission is granted.

Condition Prior to occupation written confirmation from Anglian Water must be submitted confirming there is sufficient headroom at the water recycling centre to accommodate the foul flows from the development site.

Reason: to protect water quality, prevent pollution and secure sustainable development having regard to paragraphs 7/8 and 180 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Used water network

Our assessment has been based on development flows connecting to the nearest foul water sewer of the same size or greater pipe diameter to that required to drain the site. The infrastructure to convey foul water flows to the receiving sewerage network is the responsibility of the developer. Conveyance to the connection point is considered as onsite work and includes all work carried out upstream from the point of connection, including making the connection to our existing network.

This connection point has been determined in reference to the calculated discharge flow and on this basis, a 150mm internal diameter pipe is required to drain the development site. We have assessed the sustainable point of connection, which is to the 150mm sewer at MH3503 located in Wakes Street at National Grid reference (NGR) TL 89308 28543. The cover and invert levels are unavailable for this asset. Anglian Water has assessed the impact of gravity flows from the planned development to the public foul sewerage network. We can confirm that this is acceptable as the foul sewerage system, at present, has available capacity for your site.

Please note that Anglian Water will request a suitably worded condition at planning application stage to ensure this strategy is implemented to mitigate the risk of flooding.

Surface water disposal

You indicated on the Pre-Planning Application form that a connection to the public surface water sewer network is not required. Therefore a capacity assessment has not been made on the public surface water network.

As you may be aware, Anglian Water will consider the adoption of SuDs provided that they meet the criteria outline in our SuDs adoption manual. This can be found on our [website](#). We will adopt features located in public open space that are designed and constructed, in conjunction with the Local Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), to the criteria within our SuDs adoption manual. Specifically, developers must be able to demonstrate:

1. Effective upstream source control,
2. Effective exceedance design, and
3. Effective maintenance schedule demonstrating that the assets can be maintained both now and in the future with adequate access.

If you wish to look at the adoption of any SuDs then an expression of interest form can be found on our [website](#)

As the proposed method of surface water disposal is not relevant to Anglian Water; we suggest that you contact the relevant Local Authority, Lead Local Flood Authority, the Environment Agency or the Internal Drainage Board, as appropriate.

Trade Effluent

We note that you do not have any trade effluent requirements. Should this be required in the future you will need our written formal consent. This is in accordance with Section 118 of the Water Industry Act (1991).

Used Water Budget Costs

Your development site will be required to pay an Infrastructure charge for each new property connecting to the public water and sewerage network that benefits from Full planning permission. The infrastructure charge replaces the zonal charge as previously identified.

You will be required to pay an infrastructure charge upon connection for each new plot on your development site. The infrastructure charge are types of charges set out in Section 146(2) of the Water Industry Act 1991. The charge should be paid by anyone who wishes to build or develop a property and is payable upon request of connection.

- The Infrastructure Charge is based on the cost of any reinforcement and upgrades to our existing network (“Network Reinforcements”), whether designed to address strategic or local capacity issues. For more information on our Infrastructure Charge, please see the ‘Useful Information’ section of this report.

Infrastructure charges are raised on a standard basis of one charge per new connection (one for water and one for sewerage).

The Water Recycling Infrastructure charge for your dwellings is:

Infrastructure charge	Number of units	Total
£ 403	200	£80,600.00

Please note that you should also budget for infrastructure charges on non-household premises where applicable and these will be calculated according to the number and type of water fittings in the premises. This is called the “relevant multiplier” method of calculating the charge and the relevant multiplier will be applied to the figures set out in our 2025-26 Developer Charging Arrangements to arrive at the amount payable. Details of the relevant multiplier for each fitting can be found on our [website](#).

Section 5 - Map of connection points

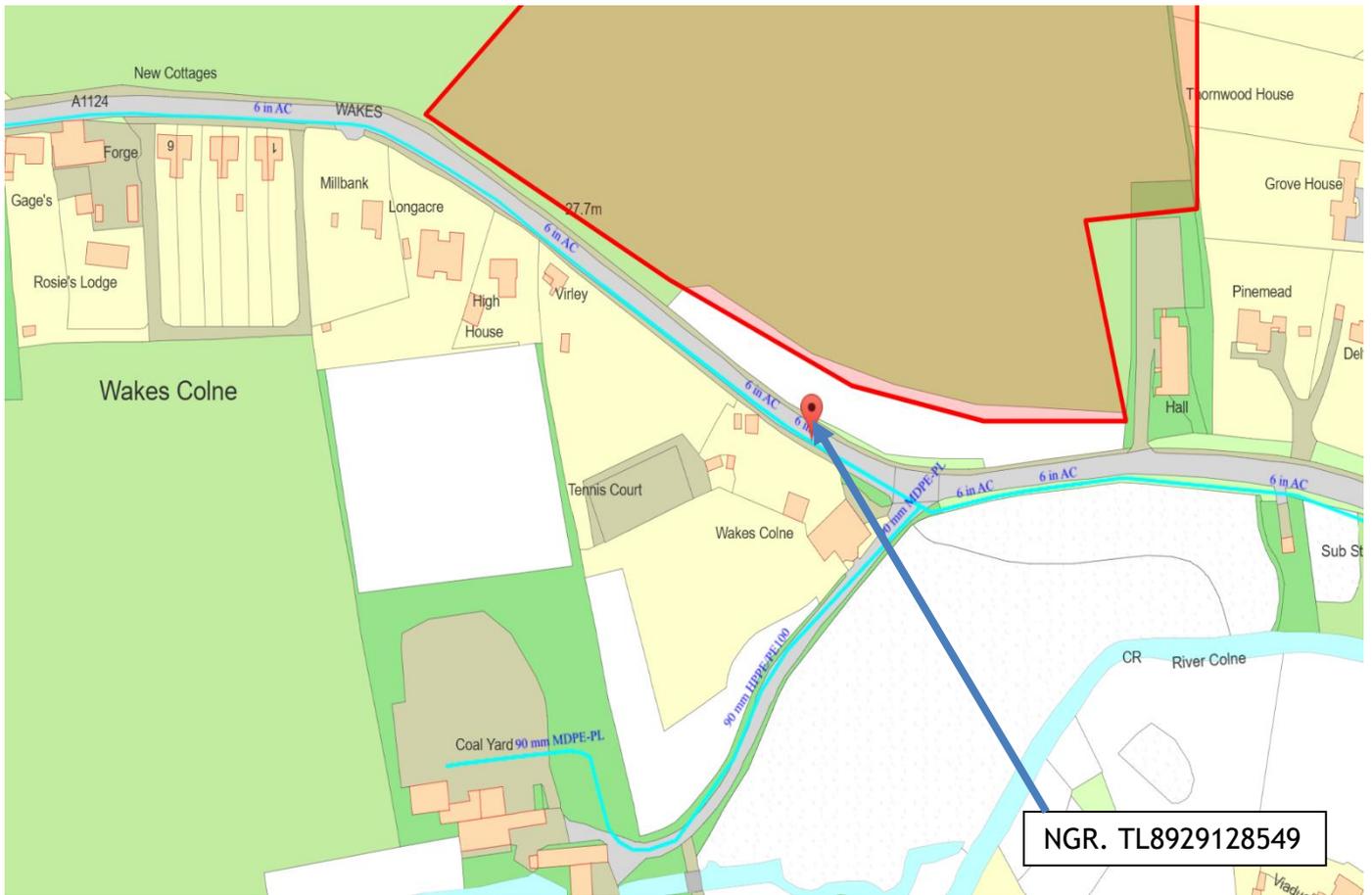


Figure 1: Showing your connection point for water

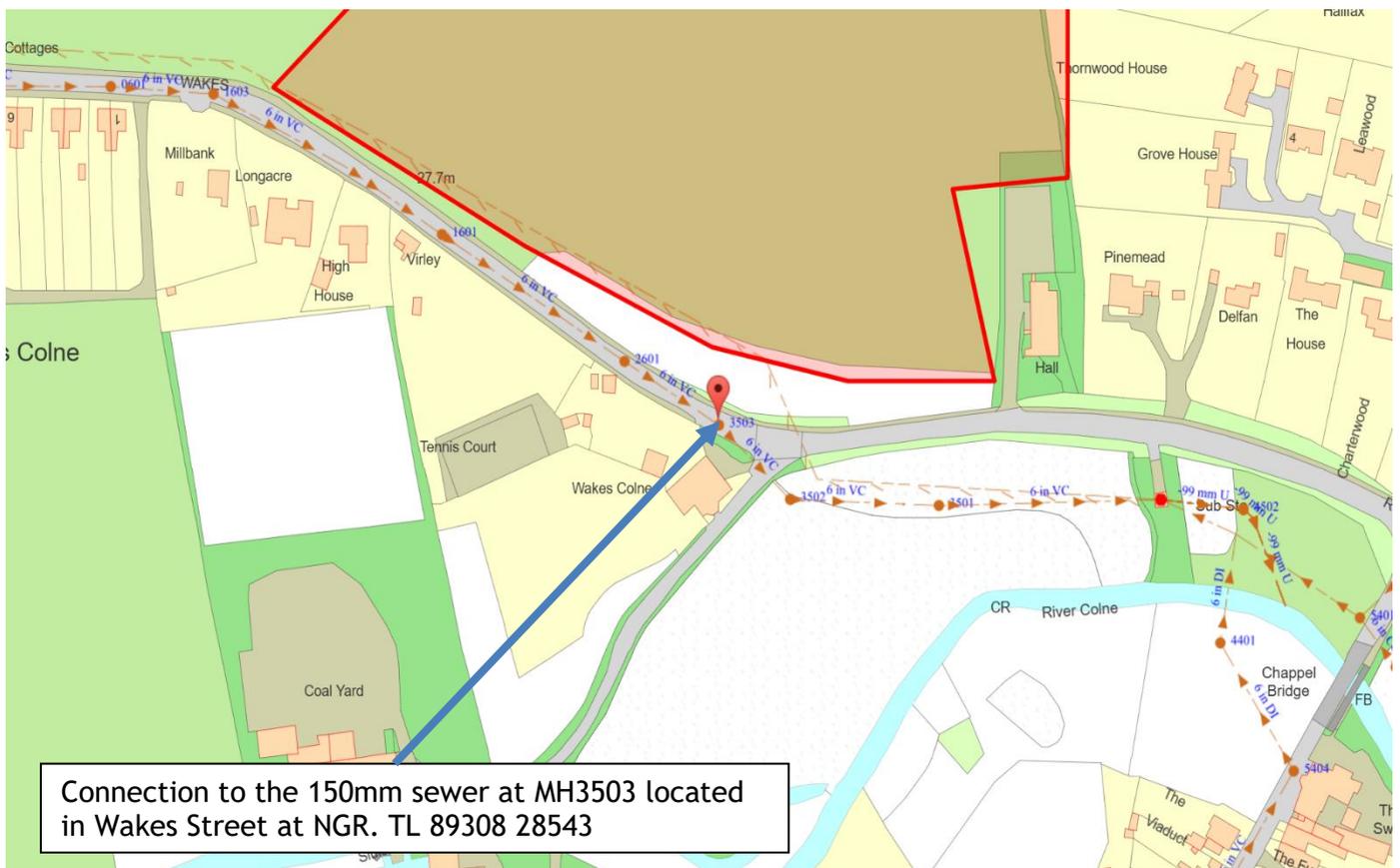


Figure 2: Showing your connection point for foul water

Section 6 - Useful information

Water Industry Act – Key water sections

Section 41:

This provides you with the right to requisition a new water main for domestic purposes to connect your site to the public water network.

Section 45:

This provides you with the right to have a connection for domestic purposes from a building or part of a building to the public water main.

Section 51A - E:

This provides you with the right to provide the water main or service connection yourself and for us to vest them into our company.

Section 55:

This applies where you request a supply of water for non-domestic purposes.

Section 185:

This provides you with the right to make a reasonable request to have a public water main, sewer or public lateral drain removed or altered, at your expense.

Details on how you can make a formal application for a new water main, new connection or diversion are available on from our Development Services team on 0345 60 66 087 or via our [website](#)

If you have any other queries on the rights to requisition or connect your housing to the public water and sewerage infrastructure then please contact our Development Services team at:

Anglian Water
PO Box 495
Huntingdon
PE29 6YY

Telephone: 0345 60 66 087

Email: developmentservices@anglianwater.co.uk

Water pressure and flow rate

The water pressure and consistency that we must meet for your site is laid out in the Water Industry Act (1991). This states that we must supply a flow rate of 9 litres per minute at a pressure of 10 metres of head to the external stop tap. If your water pressure requirements exceed this then you will need to provide and maintain any booster requirements to the development site.

Self-lay of water mains

A list of accredited self-lay provider organisations can be found on the Lloyds Registrar [website](#)

Water Industry Act – Key used water sections

Section 98:

This provides you with the right to requisition a new public sewer. The new public sewer can be constructed by Anglian Water on your behalf. Alternatively, you can construct the sewer yourself under section 30 of the Anglian Water Authority Act 1977.

Section 102:

This provides you with the right to have an existing sewerage asset vested by us. It is your responsibility to bring the infrastructure to an adoptable condition ahead of the asset being vested.

Section 104:

This provides you with the right to have a design technically vetted and an agreement reached that will see us adopt your assets following their satisfactory construction and connection to the public sewer.

Section 106:

This provides you with the right to have your constructed sewer connected to the public sewer.

Section 185

This provides you with the right to have a public sewerage asset diverted.

Details on how to make a formal application for a new sewer, new connection or diversion are available on our [website](#) or via our Development Services team on 0345 60 66 087.

Sustainable drainage systems

Many existing urban drainage systems can cause problems of flooding, pollution or damage to the environment and are not resilient to climate change in the long term. .

Our preferred method of surface water disposal is through the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems or SuDS.

SuDS are a range of techniques that aim to mimic the way surface water drains in natural systems within urban areas. For more information on SuDS, please visit our [website](#)

We recommend that you contact the Local Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for your site to discuss your application.

Private sewer transfers

Sewers and lateral drains connected to the public sewer on the 1 July 2011 transferred into Water Company ownership on the 1 October 2011. This follows the implementation of the Floods and Water Management Act (FWMA). This included sewers and lateral drains that were subject to an existing Section 104 Adoption Agreement and those that were not. There were exemptions and the main non-transferable assets were as follows:

Surface water sewers and lateral drains that do not discharge to the public sewer, e.g. those that discharged to a watercourse.

Foul sewers and lateral drains that discharged to a privately owned sewage treatment/collection facility. Pumping stations and rising mains will transfer between 1 October 2011 and 1 October 2016.

The implementation of Section 42 of the FWMA will ensure that future private sewers will not be created. It is anticipated that all new sewer applications will need to have an approved section 104 application ahead of a section 106 connection.

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Encroachment

Anglian Water operates a risk based approach to development encroaching close to our used water infrastructure. We assess the issue of encroachment if you are planning to build within 400 metres of a water recycling centre or, within 15 metres to 100 metres of a pumping station. We have more information available on our [website](#)

Locating our assets

Maps detailing the location of our water and used water infrastructure including both underground assets and above ground assets such as pumping stations and recycling centres are available from [digdat](#)

All requests from members of the public or non-statutory bodies for maps showing the location of our assets will be subject to an appropriate administrative charge.

We have more information on our [website](#)

Charging arrangements

Our charging arrangements and summary for this year's water and used water connection and infrastructure charges can be found on our [website](#)

Section 7 - Disclaimer

The information provided in this report is based on data currently held by Anglian Water Services Limited ('Anglian Water') or provided by a third party. Accordingly, the information in this report is provided with no guarantee of accuracy, timeliness, completeness and is without indemnity or warranty of any kind (express or implied).

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Whilst the information in this report is based on the presumption that proposed development obtains planning permission, nothing in this report confirms that planning permission will be granted or that Anglian Water will be bound to carry out the works/proposals contained within this report.

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Furthermore, in no event will any of those parties be liable to the applicant or any third party for any decision made or action taken as a result of reliance on this report.

This report is valid from the date issued and the enquirer is advised to resubmit their request for an up to date report should there be a delay in submitting any subsequent application for water supply/sewer connection(s). Our pre-planning reports are valid for 12 months, however please note Anglian Water cannot reserve capacity and available capacity in our network can be reduced at any time due to increased requirements from existing businesses and houses as well as from new housing and new commercial developments.