

Proposals for South Lincolnshire & Fens Reservoirs: Information for Landowners & Occupiers

Introduction

In December Anglian Water, working with the National Farmers' Union, provided an update on the status of two new proposed reservoirs in South Lincolnshire and the Fens.

Whilst the proposals for the new reservoirs are at a very early stage of planning, we are keen to avoid any uncertainty, and are committed to keeping Landowners and Occupiers informed and engaged as the proposals develop. This note follows on from our last communication, to provide an update on our progress.

Progress update

In our last communication, we explained that work is underway to technically assess and identify potential site areas for the proposed reservoirs. This process is being driven by a range of primarily technical factors at this stage. It has been informed by engagement with a wide range of stakeholders, including landowner representation via groups such as the South Lincolnshire Water Partnership and the Reservoir Farming Group. These groups have provided feedback on opportunities and mitigations that should be considered and prioritised.

Our team is continuing to make good progress with this site selection process and work is still ongoing. We haven't yet reached a final shorter list of sites. Until we reach this stage, and therefore have confidence in the site areas we are exploring for the reservoirs, we are not in a position to identify and contact relevant landowners and occupiers to discuss this with them.

We acknowledge this is taking a little longer than anticipated. However, it is essential that our process for identifying potential areas for the reservoirs is thorough and robust and we do not wish to cause unnecessary anxiety and uncertainty regarding potential sites that may be rejected due to technical constraints. We appreciate your patience as we continue our assessments, and if at any time you would like to discuss these proposals, you can speak to Anglian Water's project team using the contact details at the end of this note. Additional support is available from the Lincolnshire Rural Support Network at www.lrsn.co.uk or by calling 0800 138 1710.

The proposed South Lincs and Fens Reservoirs have the potential to make significant contributions to regional water resources – as well as providing additional environmental, social, biodiversity and economic benefits. We look forward to engaging with landowners to help develop the reservoir proposals in a way which also benefits the agricultural sector.

Reservoir Farming Group

The Reservoir Farming Group continues to meet, following an inaugural meeting in November last year. The group was established to help inform and provide an agricultural input to the proposals at

this early stage. Initial meetings have been incredibly helpful and Anglian Water values their input.

Keeping in touch

We have a dedicated page on our website, which will be kept updated as the projects progress:
<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/about-us/our-strategies-and-plans/water-resources-management-plan/wrmp-strategic-solutions/>

And if you have any further questions or comments, please contact the project team using the following email addresses:

- South Lincolnshire Reservoir: info@southlincsreservoir.co.uk
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Or call Adam Speed, Stakeholder Engagement Lead, on 07890 306201.