

# A proposed reservoir in the Fens and its associated water infrastructure

## Phase three consultation feedback form

### Thank you for taking part in our third phase of consultation and providing feedback on our proposals.

Your knowledge is very valuable to us and will help us to further develop our proposals, and understand the potential impacts and opportunities arising from the project.

There's more information on the next page about what we're consulting on and how to provide feedback.

Please contact our team on **0800 915 2492** or **info@fensreservoir.co.uk** if you need further support in providing feedback, or alternative formats of this form.

**Please provide your feedback by 10 December when the consultation closes.**

## About you

By providing us with the information below, you will help us better understand the feedback we receive. All information will be processed in accordance with our privacy policy (see back page for details).

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email address:

Are you submitting a formal response on behalf of an organisation? (Please tick):

Yes

No

If yes, which organisation:

Do you own, lease, occupy or have an interest in land within the indicative project boundary? (Please tick):

Yes

No

If yes, have you been contacted by us about your land interest? (Please tick):

Yes

No

If you have not been contacted by us, please provide the details of this land, including the address, if different to the above, so we can contact you.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

There is a range of information for you to find out more about our proposals and help you to provide feedback. This includes:

- **Consultation brochures** providing an overview of our phase three proposals for the reservoir and the associated water infrastructure, including visualisations and maps.
- **Consultation website** including an interactive map of our phase three proposals, audio descriptions, and visualisations.
- **Design Refinement Report** providing an explanation of how the phase three proposals have been developed since our phase two consultation.
- **Supporting Environmental Information Report** providing an early assessment of the potential environmental effects of the proposals and emerging ideas on how we could mitigate these.

You may find it useful to read these materials before completing this form. All of these documents are available on our website **[fensreservoir.co.uk/documents](https://fensreservoir.co.uk/documents)**

Please contact us on **0800 915 2492** if you would like hard copies of our brochures.

## Providing feedback

As well as feedback on how our proposals have developed, we are keen to understand if people have comments on the potential environmental effects of the proposals, ideas for mitigating these effects, and if you have comments on the benefits the proposed reservoir could deliver.

Please tell us if there are changes you think we can make to avoid or reduce effects which will help inform the continued development of our proposals.

Please provide as much detail as you can when providing feedback.

This form is organised into sections which correspond to the different parts of our proposals. Please complete all or any of the sections for which you would like to provide feedback.

You can provide feedback by:

- Filling in this form and posting it to **Freepost Fens Reservoir**
- Filling in this form online at **[fensreservoir.co.uk](https://fensreservoir.co.uk)**



Before completing these questions you may find it useful to read the **Phase Three Consultation Main Reservoir Site Brochure**, chapter four of the **Design Refinement Report**, and the **Supporting Environmental Information Report** (which provides an early assessment of the potential environmental effects of the proposals, and emerging ideas on how we could mitigate these).

This section is about the overall design of the reservoir, which has developed since our phase two consultation and illustrates our evolved plans for recreation, nature, facilities, and visiting the reservoir. There are opportunities to comment on the different proposed zones of the reservoir in the following pages.

## The emerging design for the main reservoir site

Q1. We are continuing to explore opportunities for different types of recreational activities at the reservoir as we progress our plans. Which of the following recreational activities would be most important to you?

	Very important	Important	Not important
Sailing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paddle boarding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small boat use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnicking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Running	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Horse riding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Angling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify below):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q2. If you were to visit the reservoir site please indicate, for each of the following ways of travelling to the reservoir, approximately how often would you visit.

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never
Driving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify below):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q3. Do you have any comments on the overall design approach to the reservoir including its shape and embankments (please note you can provide specific comments on the zones of the reservoir in the following pages)?



## Recreational Hub: north west area of the reservoir site nearest to Doddington and Wimblington

Our proposals for this area are for it to be the main access to the reservoir with a focus on recreation and leisure opportunities. Our proposals include a main visitor centre and access to the site for local communities and visitors.

Q4. Do you have any overall comments about our proposals for this area of the reservoir, particularly the focus it has as the main recreational hub?

Empty response area for Q4.

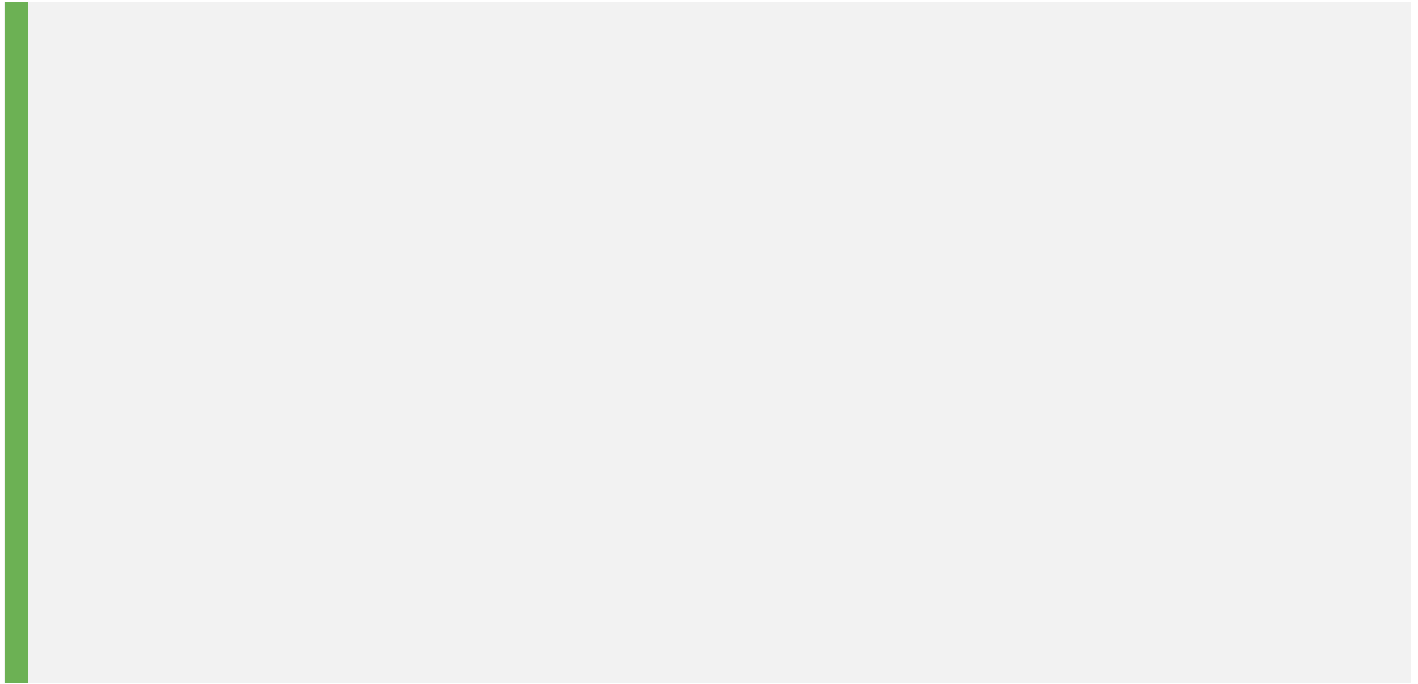
Q5. Do you have any comments on our proposed main access route, via the A141, for vehicles arriving to visit the reservoir?

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Q6. Do you have any comments on our proposals for parking in this area?

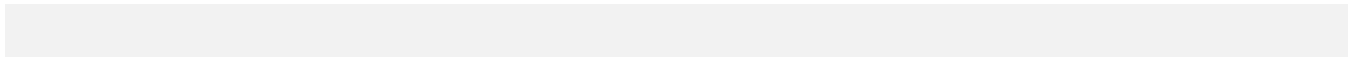
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Q7. Do you have any comments on our proposals for access to this area for non-motorised users, including a proposal for a footbridge across the A141 to provide safe access and connect Wimblington and Doddington to the reservoir?

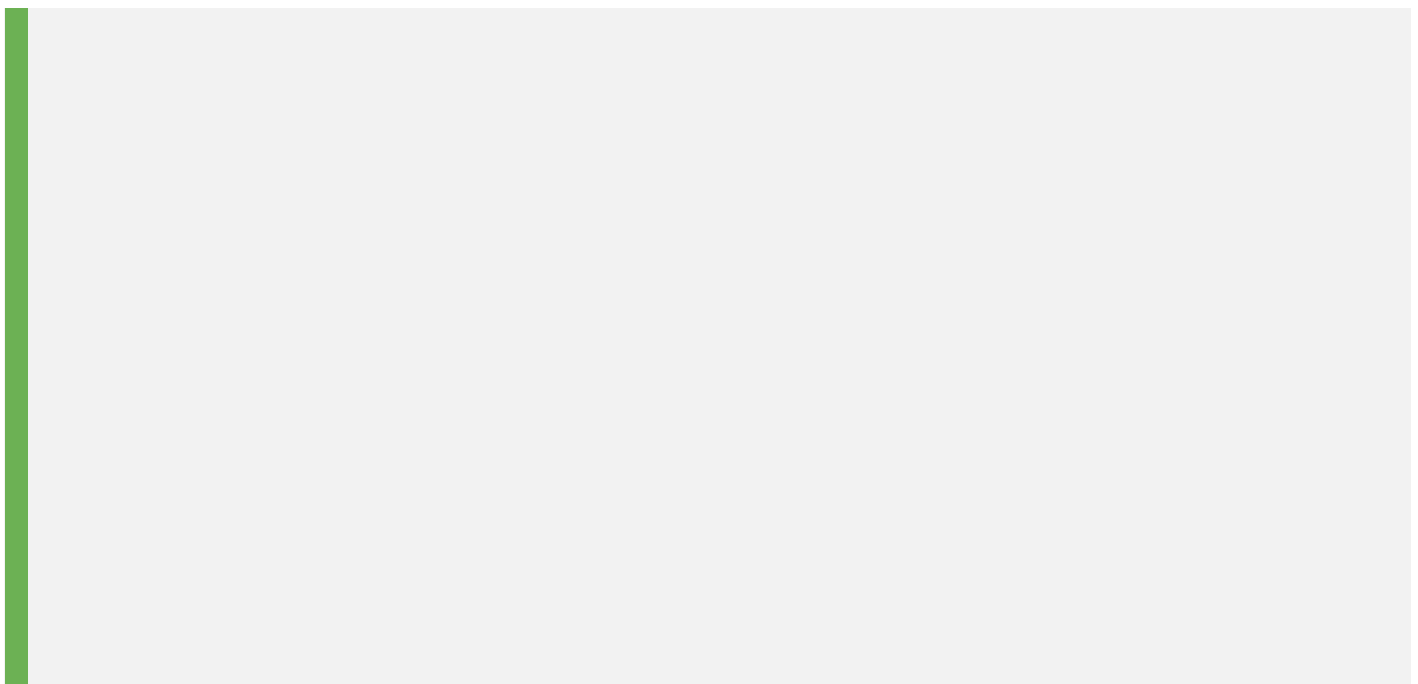


Q8. Our proposals for this area include the main visitor centre – which features would you most like to see included (tick all that apply)?

- Café
- Toilets and changing facilities
- Indoor play
- Informal exhibition space and information area
- Jetties and pontoons
- Other (please specify below):
- Flexible space suitable for different uses
- Outdoor seating
- Small shops
- Play spaces
- Boat storage area



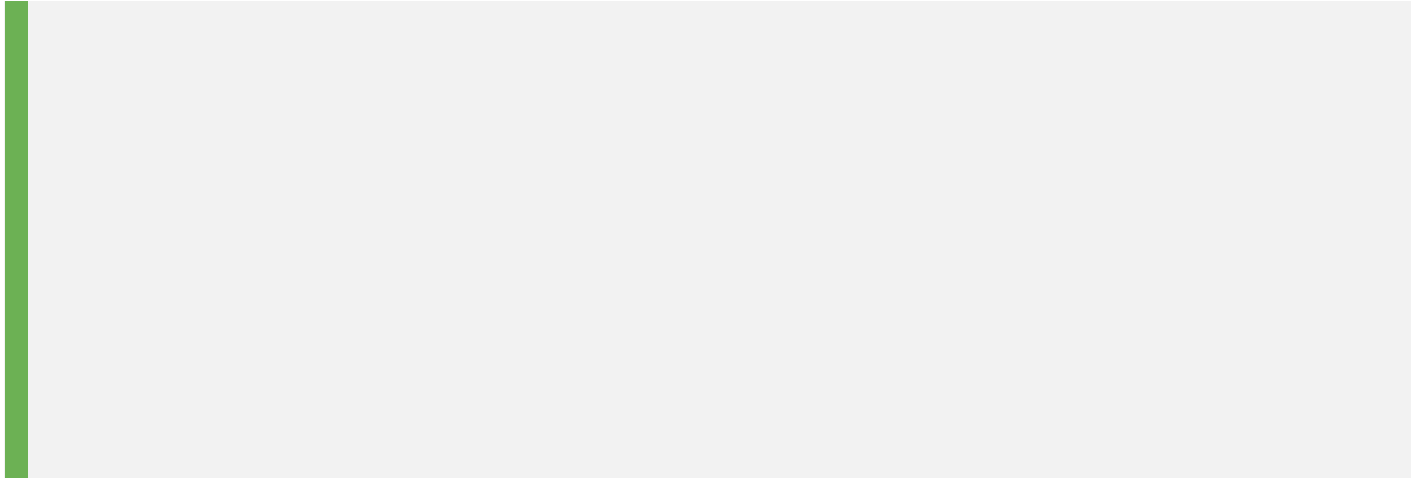
Q9. Do you have any other comments about this area that you have not included above?



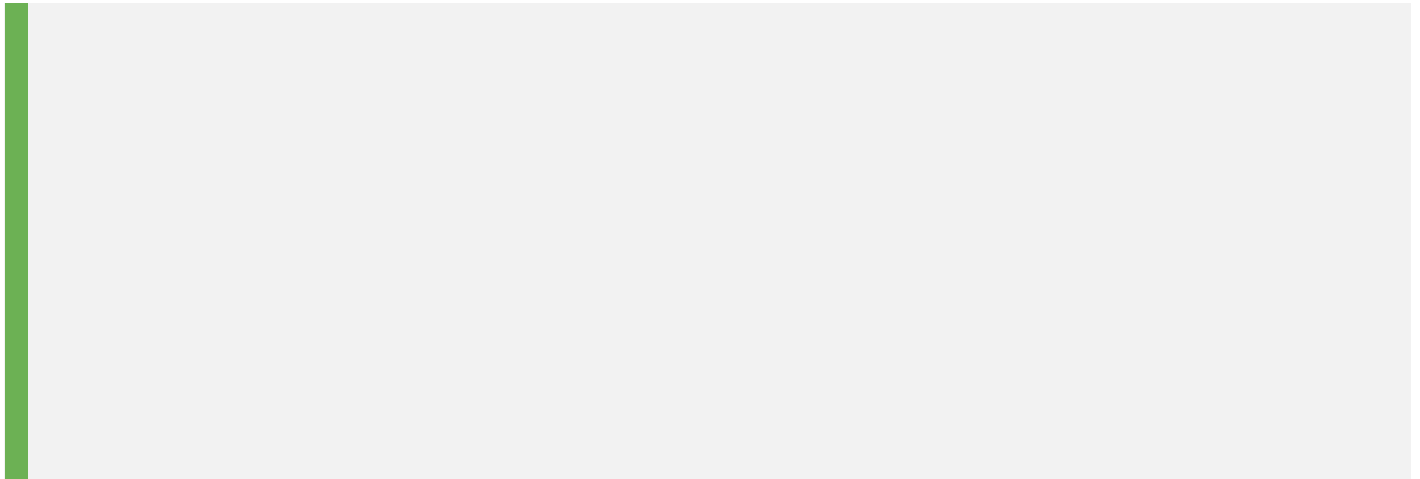
## Western Zone: west and south area of the reservoir site nearest to Chatteris

Our proposals for this area include access to the southern edge of the reservoir from Chatteris. Our proposals are designed with both visitors and the local community in mind. This part of the site could be a place for learning, exploration, and connection – with nature and one another.

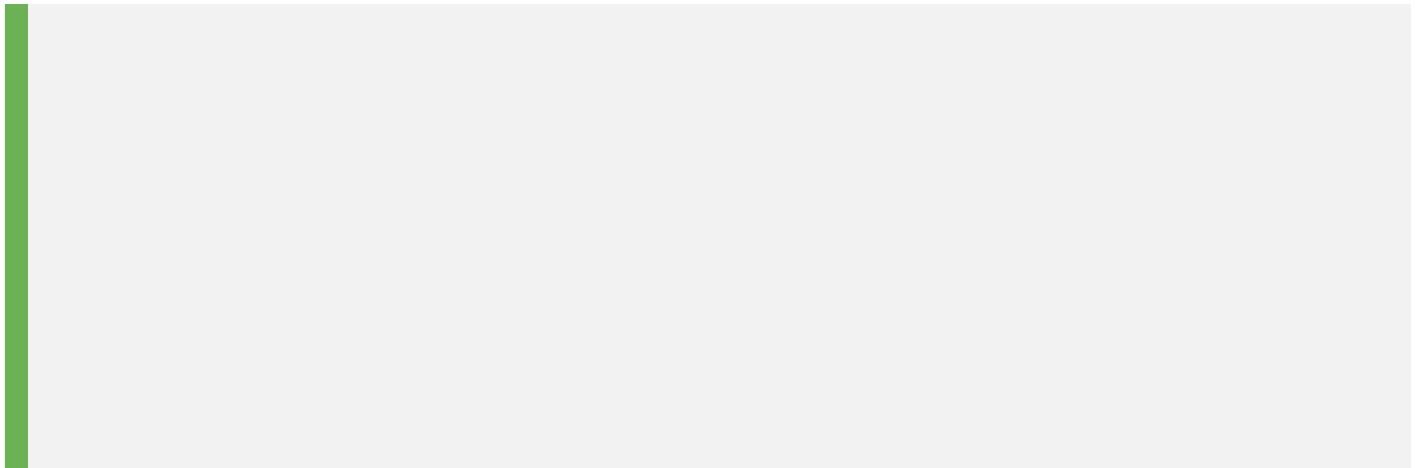
Q10. Do you have any overall comments about our proposals for this area of the reservoir, particularly its focus as an area for wetland, and a combination of nature and recreation?



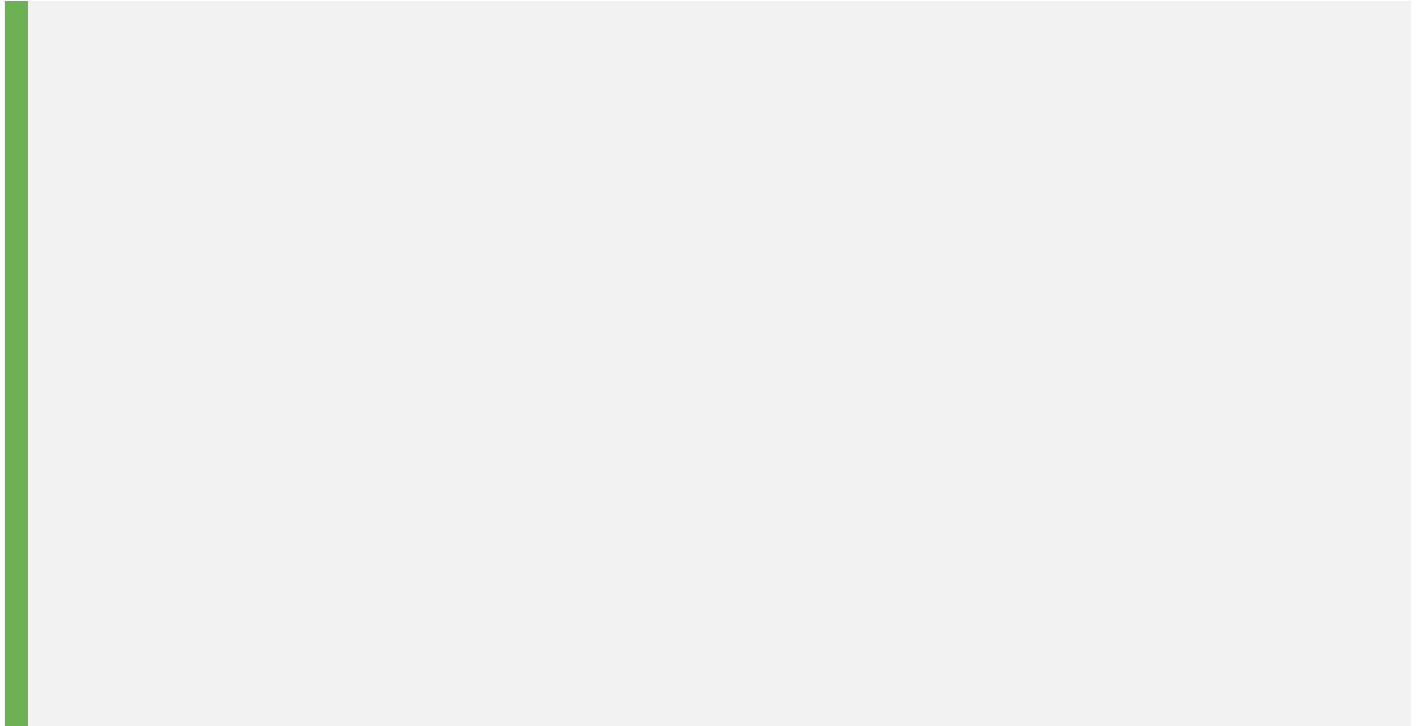
Q11. Do you have any comments on our proposed access route from the A142 for vehicles to this area of the reservoir?



Q12. Do you have any comments on our proposals for parking in this area?



Q13. Do you have any comments on our proposals for access to this area for non-motorised users, including our proposals for a signalised crossing across the A142, and a bridge across the Forty Foot Drain to open up connections with Chatteris for those travelling by foot, bike or horse?

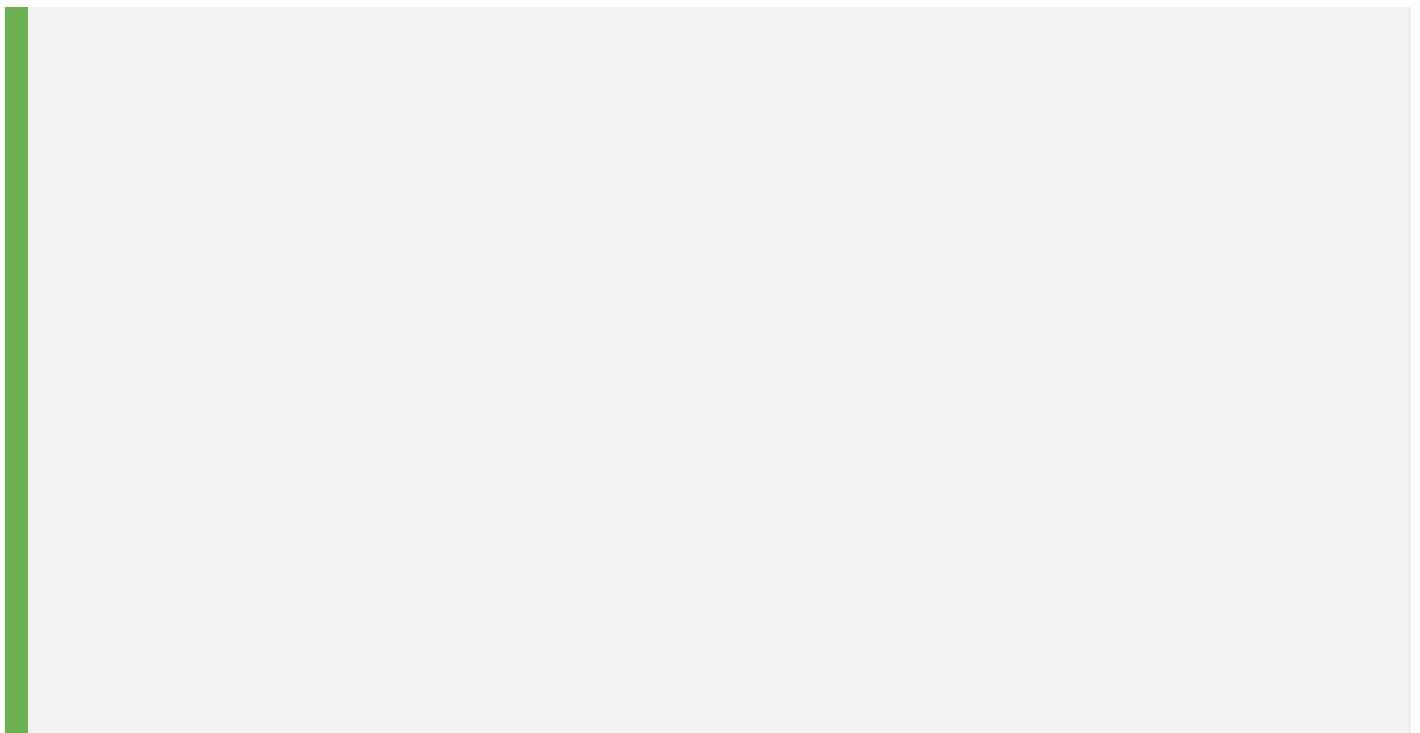


Q14. Our proposals for this area include a secondary visitor hub to provide amenities for people arriving from Chatteris. The type of features we are considering are below. Which would you most like to see included (tick all that apply)?

- Café including toilets
- Arts/cultural area
- Education area
- Heritage area
- Viewpoint area
- Other (please specify below)



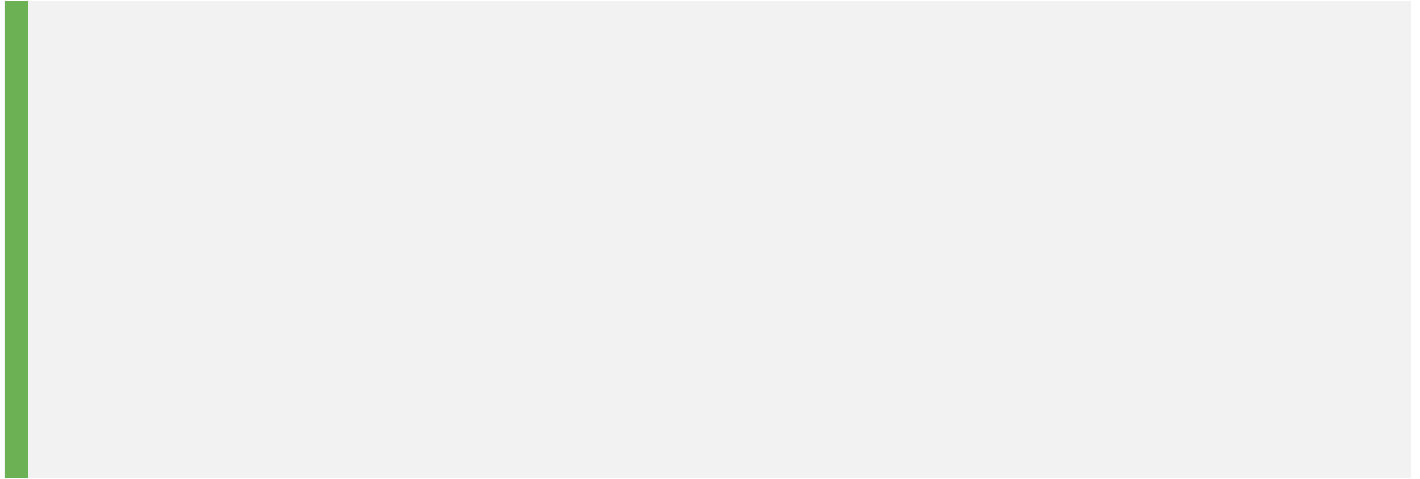
Q15. Do you have any other comments about this area that you have not included above?



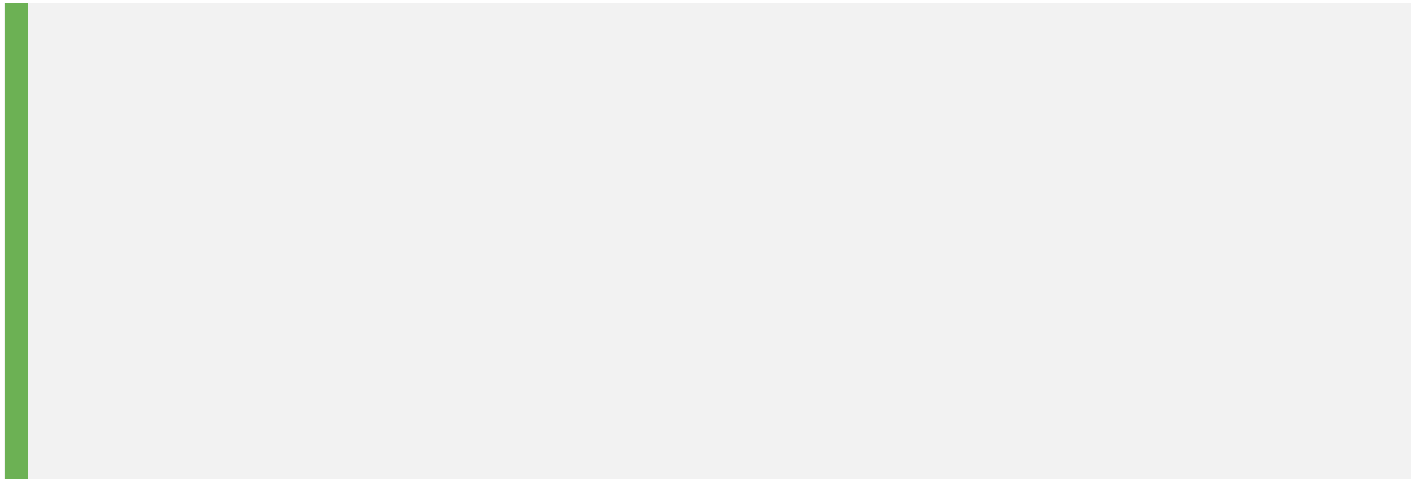
## Eastern Zone: eastern area of the reservoir, nearest to Manea

Our proposals are for this area to provide access to the eastern side of the reservoir near Manea and could include a small visitors hub and parking provision. Nature would be at the heart of this area, offering visitors a chance to unwind and enjoy peaceful wetland landscapes.

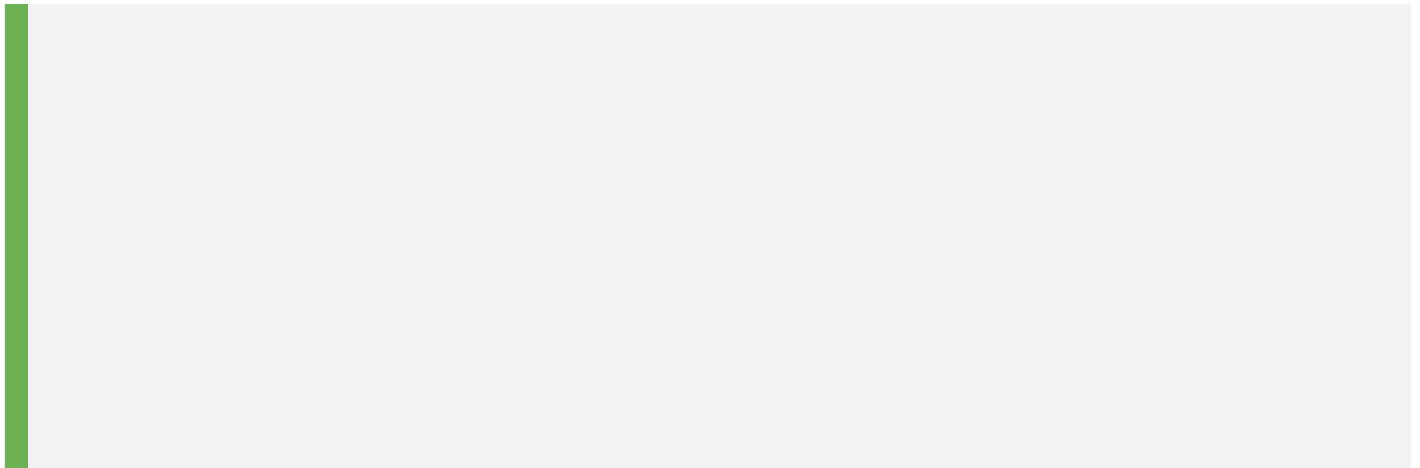
Q16. Do you have any overall comments about our proposals for this area of the reservoir, particularly its focus as an area for nature and quieter recreation?



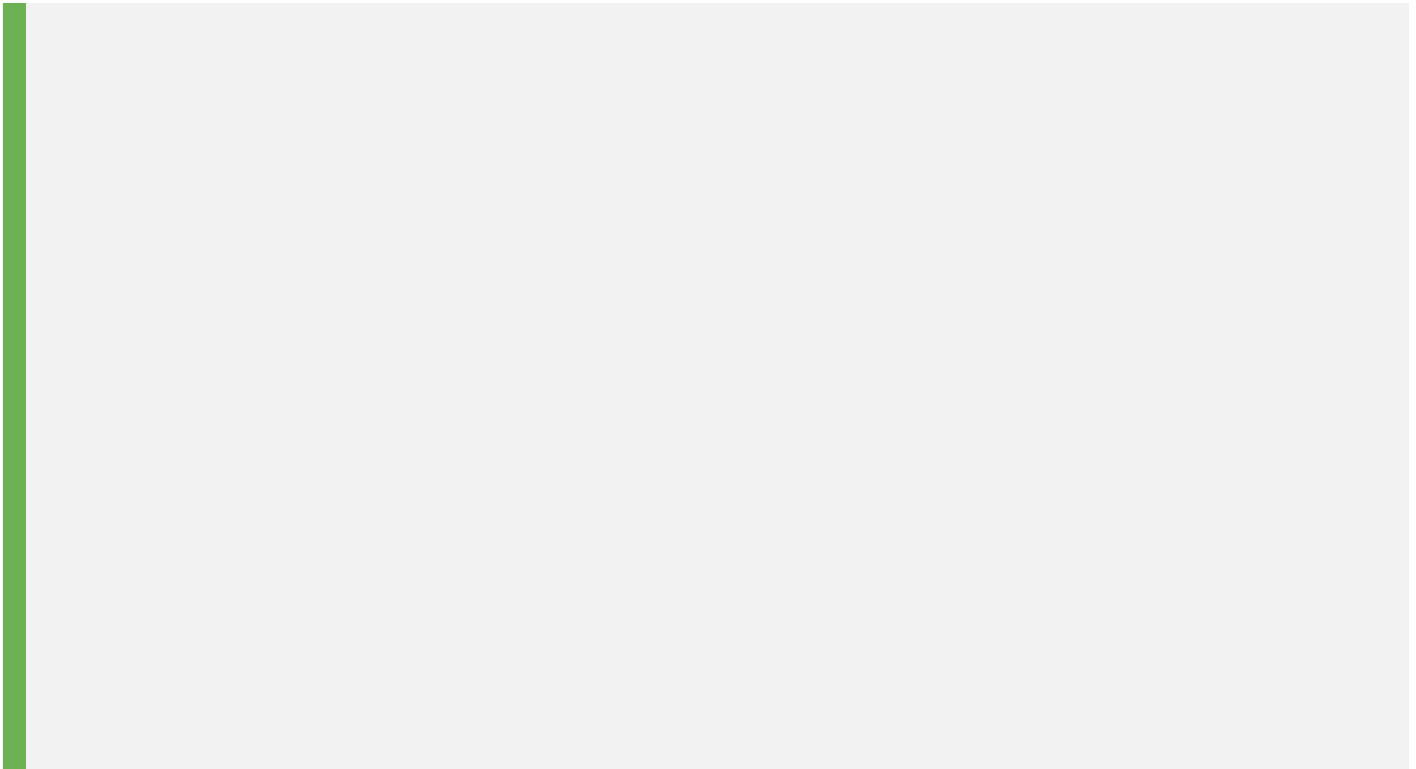
Q17. Do you have any comments on our proposed access routes, via the B1098, for vehicles?



Q18. Do you have any comments on our proposals for parking in this area?

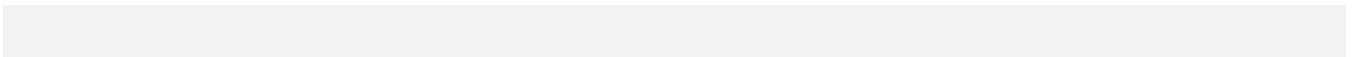


Q19. Do you have any comments on access to this area for non-motorised users (e.g. walking, cycling, horse-riding)?

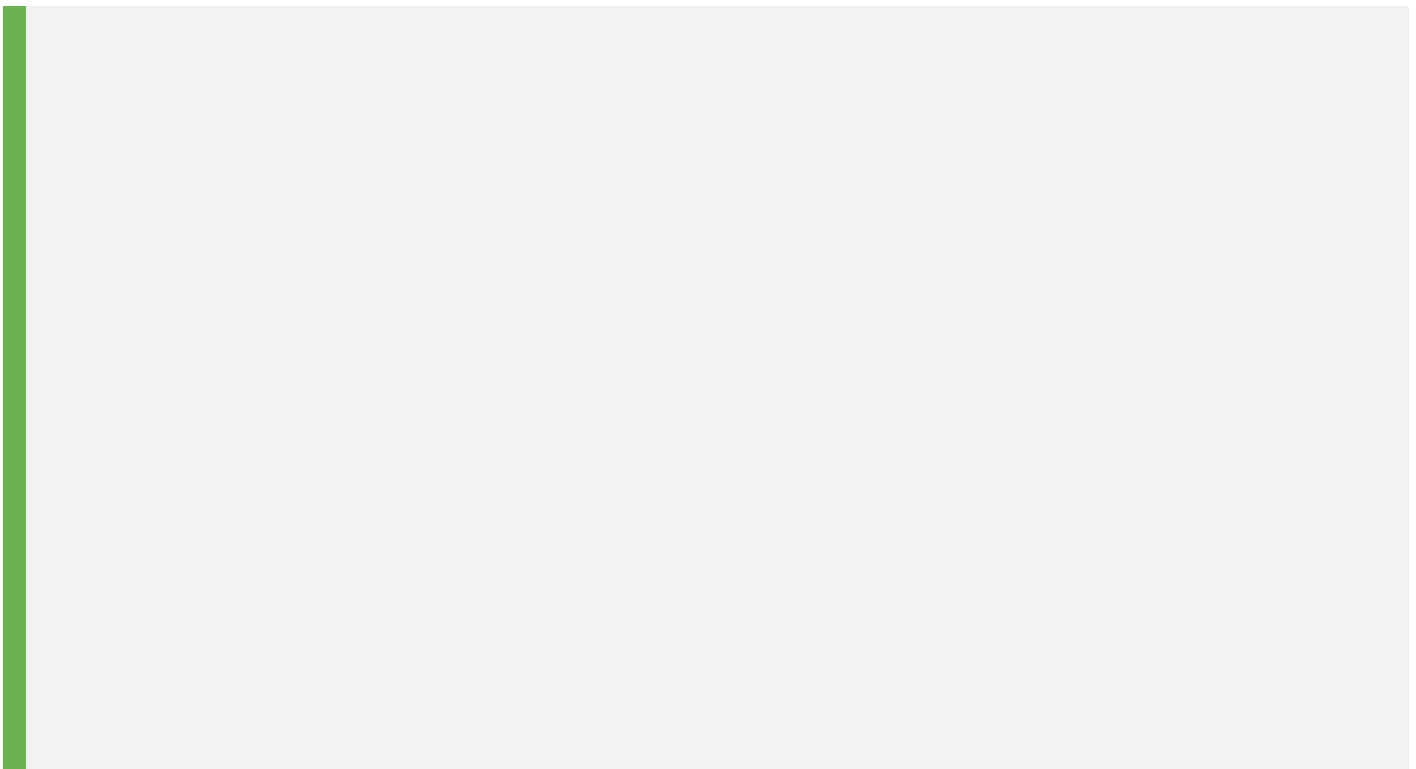


Q20. Our proposals for this area include a smaller visitors hub, to fit in with this being a quieter area where nature is the focus. The type of features we are considering are below. Which would you most like to see included (tick all that apply)?

- Coffee/tea truck
- Bird hides and boardwalks
- Toilet block
- Other (please specify below)



Q21. Do you have any other comments about this area that you have not included above?





Q22. Do you have any comments on our plans for the water treatment works, which would treat water from the reservoir ready to supply to people's homes, in particular our proposed use of landscaping and visual screening designed to reduce visual effects?



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Our emerging plans to construct the reservoir include our proposals for transporting materials to and from site, construction areas, and workforce management. Our plans for constructing the reservoir are still at an early stage and will continue to evolve based on technical assessments, stakeholder input and your feedback.

## Transport by road

We have identified four possible A-road routes for construction traffic to travel to and from the reservoir, each of which would connect to one of three different access points. Using A-roads would reduce the need for heavy vehicles to use smaller local roads. We may not need to use all of them and the options we are considering are:

**Route 1** – A141 from Ring’s End, past March and down to entry point near Doddington

**Route 2** – A141 from near Huntingdon (A1 junction) to entry point near Chatteris

**Route 3** – A142 from Newmarket, past Ely to entry point near Chatteris

**Route 4** – A10 / A142 from near Cambridge, past Ely to entry point near Chatteris.

Q23. Do you have any comments on these routes? Please be clear which route(s) your comments refer to.

## Transport by rail

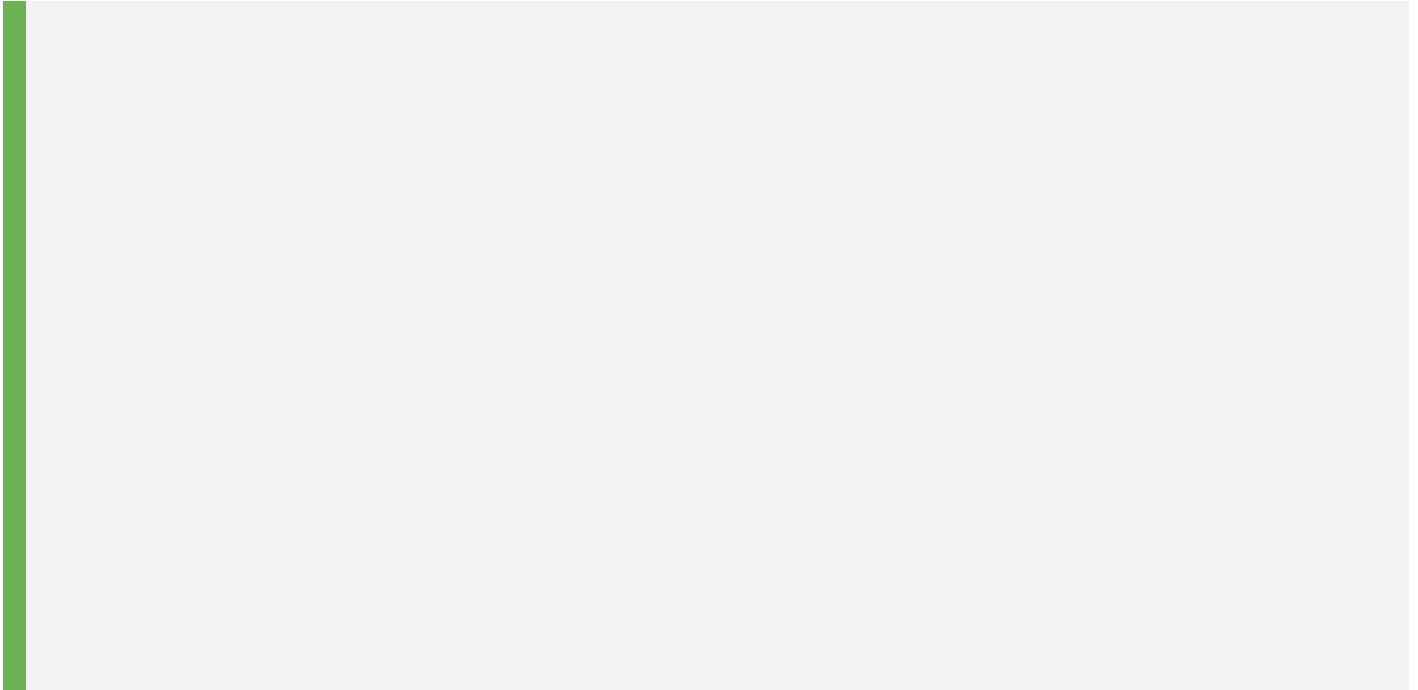
We are also looking at rail options, to potentially limit the distance materials travel by road, which could help avoid congestion and reduce carbon emissions. We’ve identified two options (Whitemoor Yard and Manea Sidings) that would involve creating a railhead location where materials could be delivered by freight train and then transported to the site via the road. Discussions are ongoing with Network Rail on whether a rail option is viable and if so, which one is preferable.

Q24. Do you have any comments on the proposed rail options that you would like us to consider as part of our ongoing design development? Please be clear which option your comments refer to.

## Construction working areas

We have identified areas of land we would need for construction compounds, welfare facilities, material storage, and worker access.

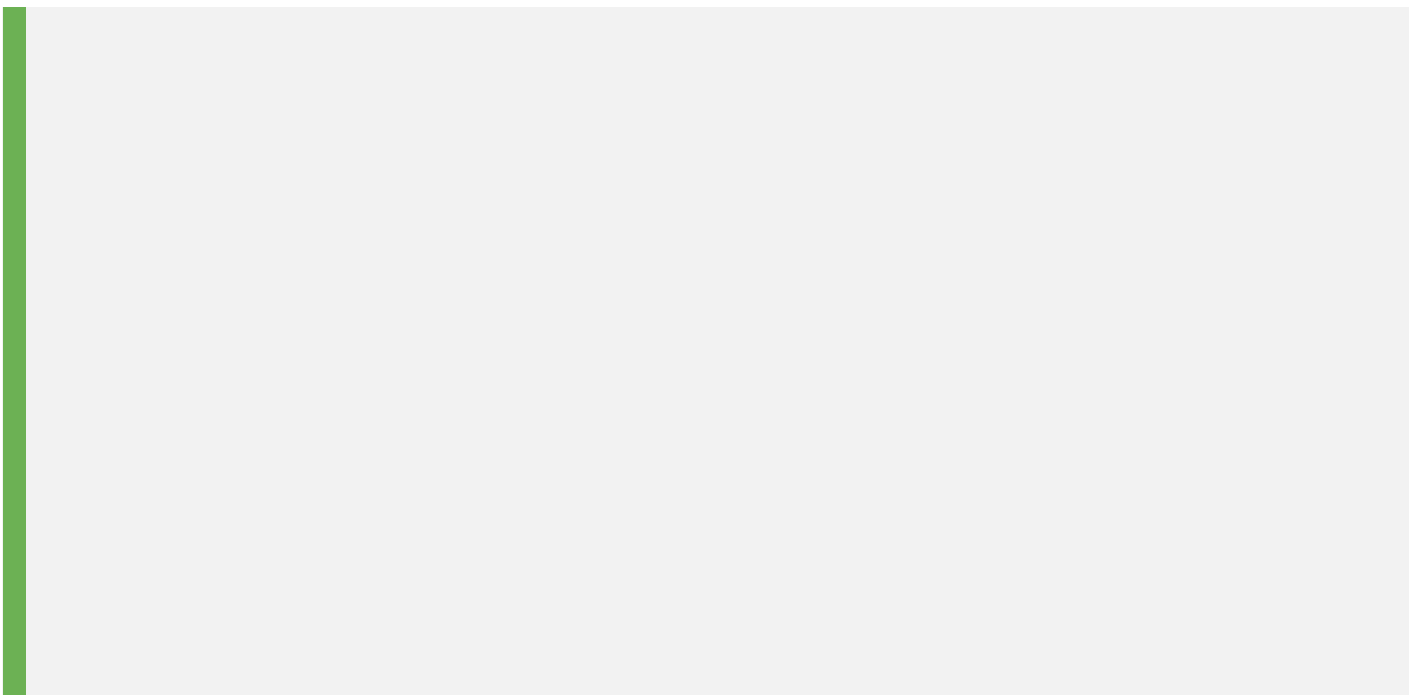
Q25. Do you have any comments on the areas of land we have identified, including if there are changes you think we can make to improve the proposals?



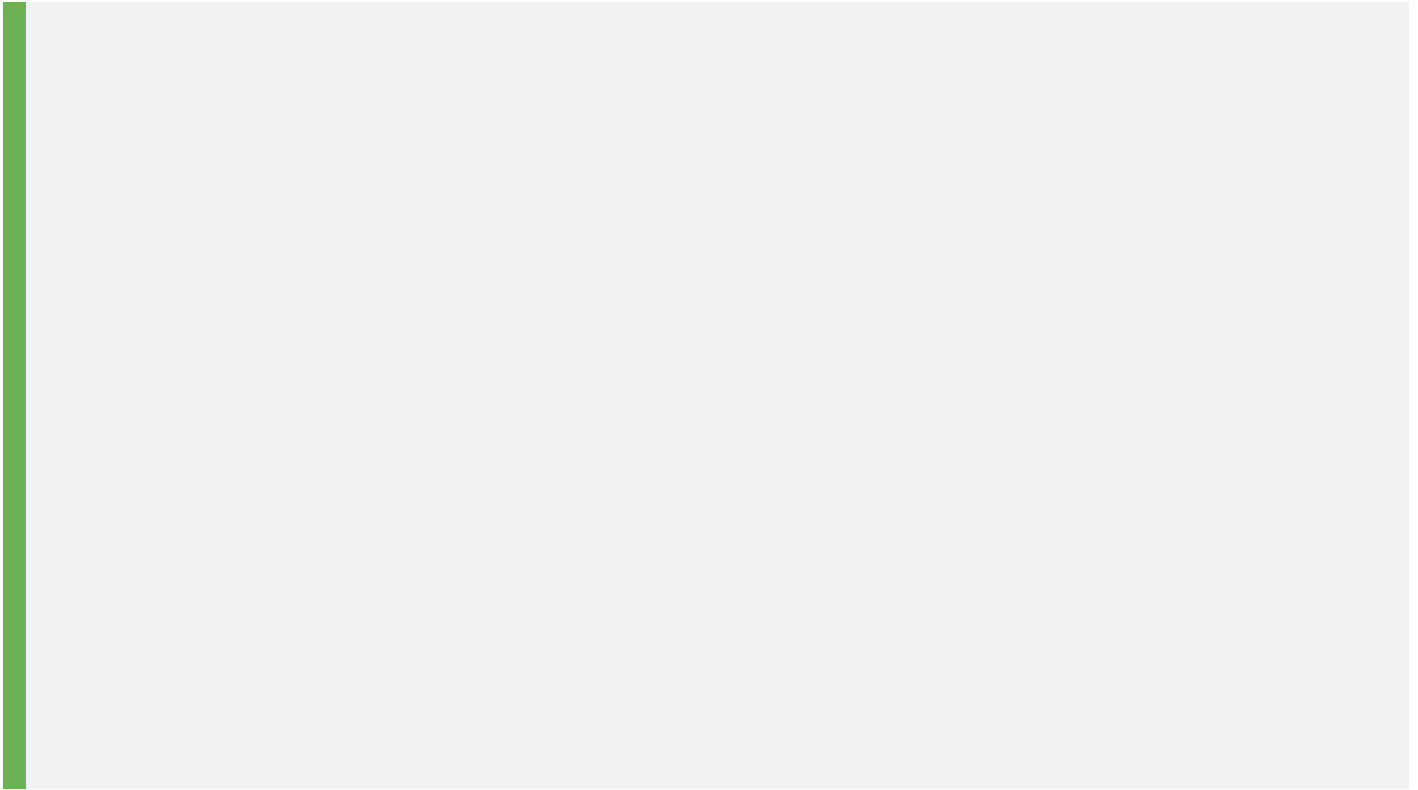
## Construction and workforce

At peak construction – expected to last around five to six years – we estimate we may need up to 2,000 workers with a wide variety of employment opportunities for local businesses.

Q26. Is there anything you would like us to consider when developing our construction plans?



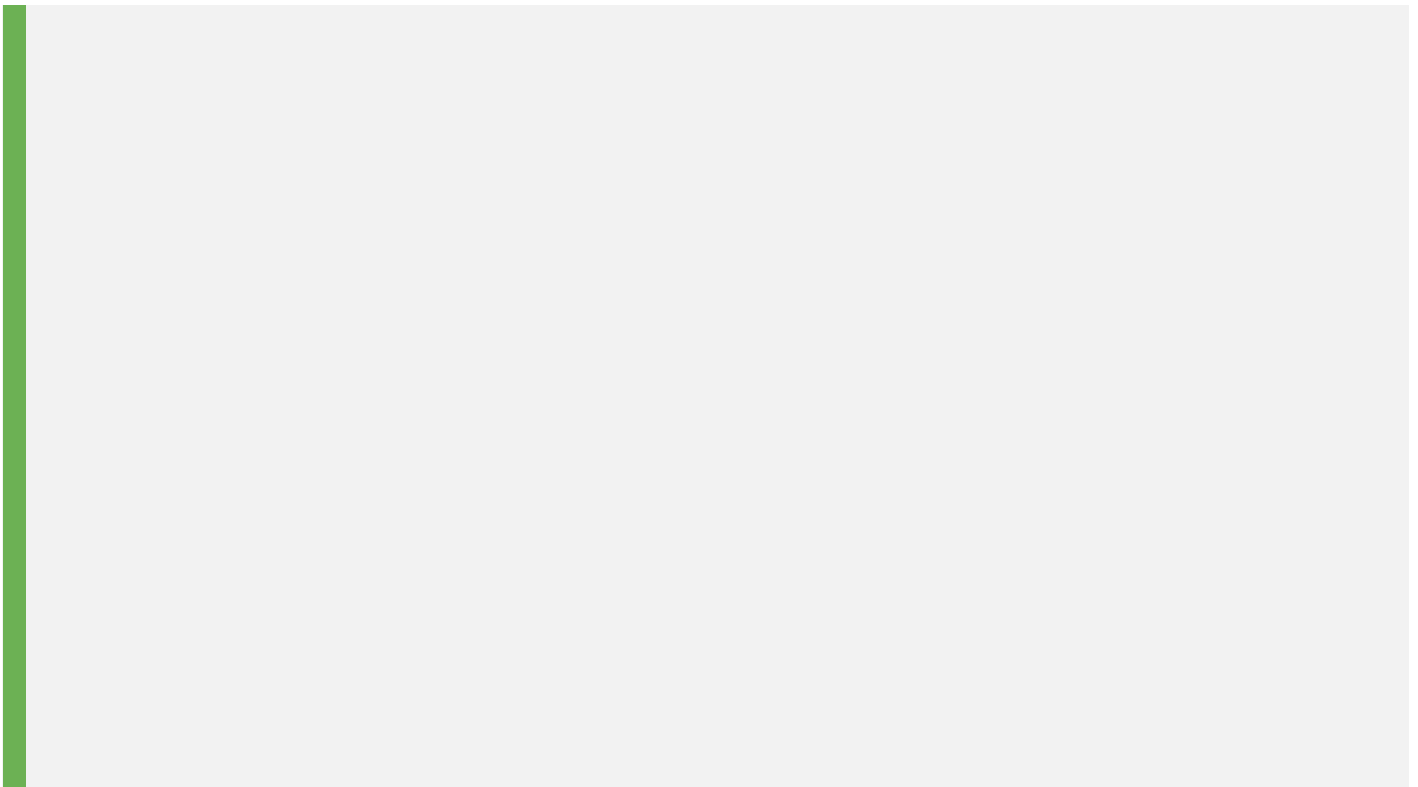
Q27. Do you have any comments on our proposals for managing the construction workforce, including outline options for worker accommodation?



## Power supply

We are committed to the reservoir being operationally net-zero when open, and renewable energy on-site would help us achieve this. We are exploring options for using solar technology, including ground mounted panels and floating solar.

Q28. Do you have comments on current proposals for using solar technology?



## ASSOCIATED WATER INFRASTRUCTURE



This section is about our proposals for the raw water and treated water infrastructure we would need to transfer water from sources to the reservoir, treat it, and supply it to Anglian Water and Cambridge Water customers.

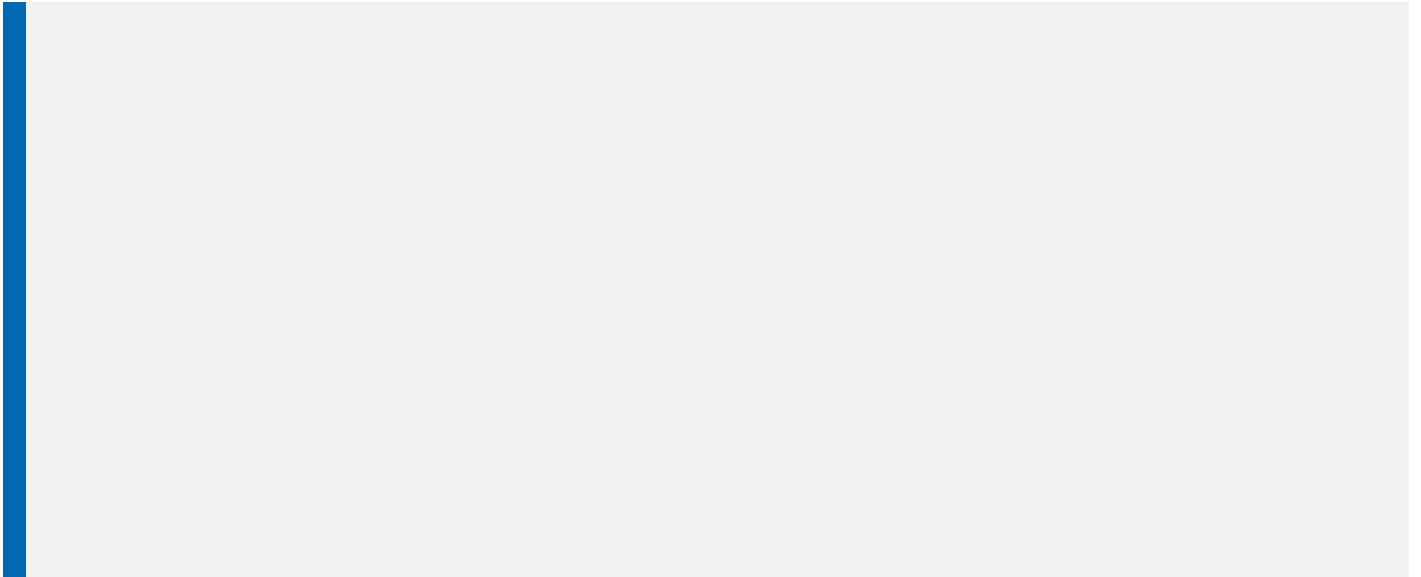
Before completing these questions you may find it useful to read the **Phase Three Consultation Associated Water Infrastructure Brochure**, chapters six, seven and eight of the **Design Refinement Report**, and the **Supporting Environmental Information Report** (which provides an early assessment of the potential environmental effects of the proposals, and emerging ideas on how we could mitigate these).

Our proposals are organised into five sections, as listed below. Each section includes the infrastructure we would need, and the working areas and road routes we are considering for construction.

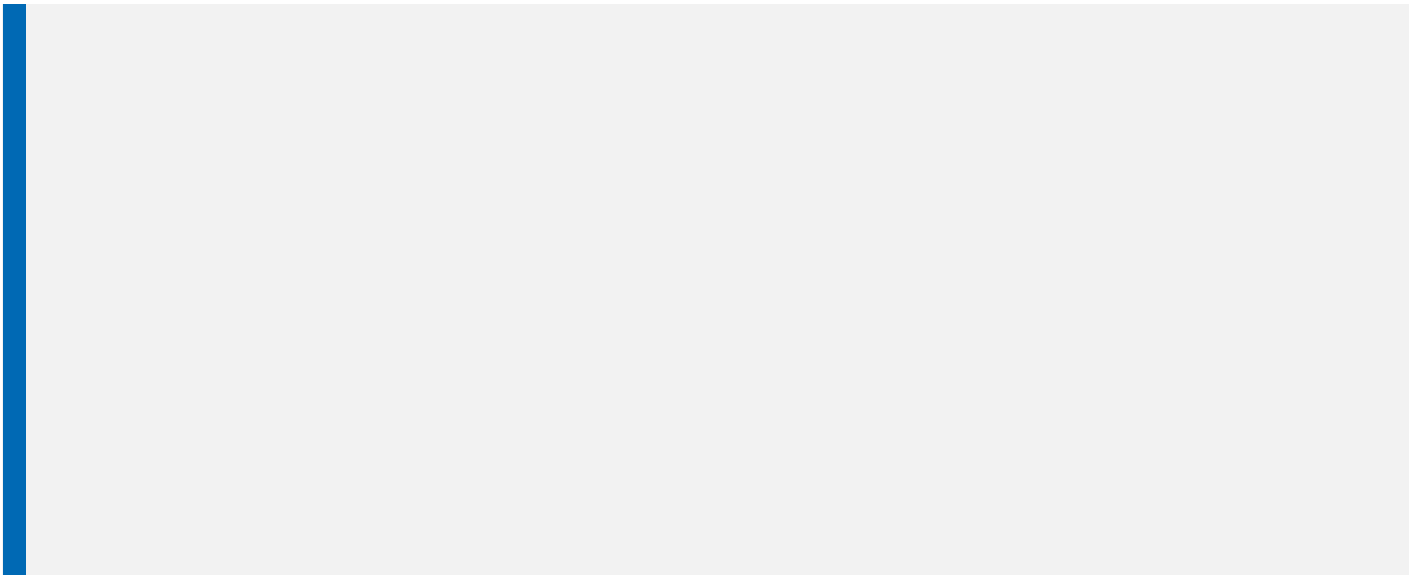
Please tick which section your comments are about. If you are providing feedback on more than one section, please be clear which you are commenting on.

AREA OF OUR PROPOSALS	OVERVIEW	TICK
<b>Manea to Downham Market</b>	Corridor and best engineering route for a pipeline that would transfer treated water from the reservoir to Bexwell in Downham Market, and the area we have identified for a new service reservoir at Bexwell. This also includes the working areas and road routes we are proposing for construction.	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Peterborough, Stanground and Whittlesey</b>	Infrastructure to draw raw water from the River Nene and its Counter Drain. A bypass pipeline around Stanground Lock to transfer water from the River Nene to the Middle Level System. This also includes the working areas and road routes we are proposing for construction.	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Between Chatteris, March and Manea (Ouse Washes)</b>	Infrastructure to draw raw water from the Ouse Washes. The corridor and best engineering route for pipelines that would transfer raw water from the Ouse Washes to the reservoir. This also includes the working areas and road routes we are proposing for construction.	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Chatteris to Bluntisham, near Earith</b>	Infrastructure to draw raw water from the River Great Ouse, near Earith. A corridor for a pipeline that would transfer raw water from the River Great Ouse to the reservoir.  A corridor and best engineering route for a pipeline to transfer treated water from the reservoir into Cambridge Water supply at Bluntisham, then on to Madingley.  This also includes the working areas and road routes we are proposing for construction.	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Bluntisham to Madingley via Swavesey</b>	Corridor and best engineering route for a pipeline to transfer treated water from the reservoir to Madingley, including the area we have identified for a new service reservoir near Madingley. This also includes the working areas and road routes we are proposing for construction.	<input type="radio"/>

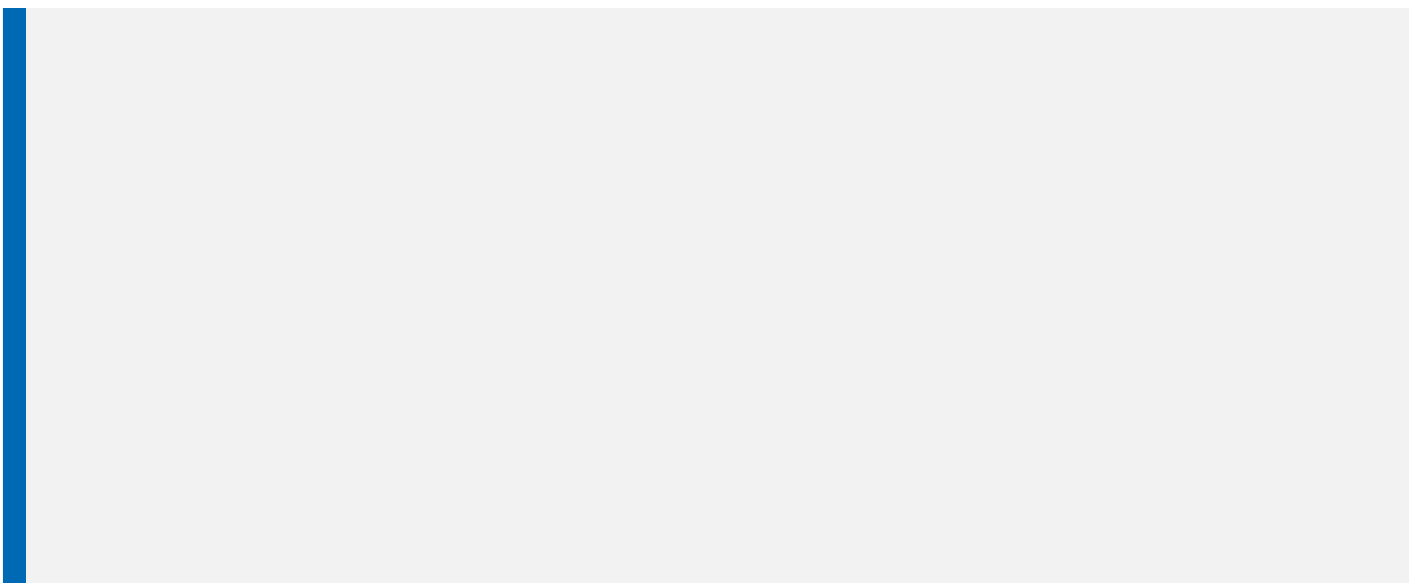
Q29. Do you have any comments on our proposed plans for the infrastructure we need, including if you think there are ways we could improve them?



Q30. Do you have any comments on the working areas we have identified for constructing this infrastructure?



Q31. Do you have any comments on the road routes we are proposing to use during construction?



## YOUR EXPERIENCE OF OUR CONSULTATION

Q32. Do you have any comments on the consultation materials provided?

Q33. Do you have any comments on your experience of the consultation overall, such as what you found helpful, or things we could do differently in our next consultation?

## NEXT STEPS

Thank you for providing your feedback on our proposals. Following our phase three consultation, we will consider all responses and use them – along with our environmental assessments and technical work, and continuing engagement with statutory authorities and others – to further inform the development of our proposals.

We will report our regard had to feedback in a summary consultation report and as part of our final Development Consent Order application.

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