

# Community Liaison Group

## Lincolnshire Reservoir

27 November 2025



# Agenda



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## Welcome and introduction

Review of previous CLG meeting

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## Group Discussion

How can we best engage with local communities in the run-up to and during consultation

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## Project Update

Surveys and ongoing project development work

Project Team

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## Questions and closing comments from the Chair

Project Team

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## Engagement update

Our consultation plans and ongoing engagement

Kelly

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## Project team members

- Kelly (Stakeholder Lead)
- Katie (Stakeholder)
- Grant (Stakeholder)
- Simon (Environment)
- Ben (Design)
- Hugh (Land)
- Jack (Site Manager)
- Roxy (Consultation)
- Liam (Consultation)
- Lucy (Consultation)

Questions

# Review of previous CLG meeting

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# Our previous CLG

- Anglian Water discussed the strategic changes in the project programme, which included a recap of the overall timeline.
- Anglian Water provided an update on survey work taking place from the compound off Mareham Lane.
- Anglian Water provided an update on the Flood Risk Assessment and the Walking, Cycling and Horse-riding Assessment and Review (WCHAR).
- Anglian Water (AW) shared slides and minutes with attendees.

# Project update

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# What's happened since we last met?

- We've issued responses to feedback from statutory stakeholders, and we're working on responses to landowners.
- Surveys
- Ongoing project development work
- Attendance at local village shows and parish council briefings.





# Community engagement

- We attended the Lincolnshire Show and Heckington Show to engage with local communities.
- We conducted a short questionnaire to gauge people's awareness and perception of the project.
- We gathered valuable feedback and listened to local opinions.
- In the future we will be attending more community events across Lincolnshire.
- We've met with several local Parish Councils to provide dedicated project briefings.



# Surveys: an overview



## Started in spring 2025

### Ground investigations including

- 94 boreholes
- 405 archaeological trial pits
- 4 observational trial pits

### Non-intrusive surveys

- Over 222 days of surveying completed by walkover teams during the summer.

## Looking ahead to 2026

We will use data gathered from ongoing survey works to shape our proposals.

### Planned activities:

- Complete 6 Observational Trial Pits
- Begin survey work at proposed locations for associated water infrastructure



We'll shortly be sharing an e-newsletter to update people on survey progress and key findings.



# Ongoing project development work

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# Exploring design options and opportunities further

We're continuing to explore what we need to build, and how we can deliver the project, in a way that will keep impacts as low as possible while making the most of opportunities and benefits for local people. We'll be sharing an update on our thinking at our phase three consultation in 2026.



# Some of the key areas we're developing



We're continuing to develop our proposals based on the information we've learned from stakeholder feedback, survey findings, and technical assessments.

Exploring location and technology options for renewable energy provision to power the reservoir sustainably.

Looking at the electricity line running across the site that would need moving before building the reservoir – exploring what the diversion could involve and location options.

Developing our thinking on how we'd build the project – from routes and methods for transporting materials and workers, to road and utility diversions.

Re-evaluating options previously considered for moving water from sources to the reservoir, looking at amounts needed and quality of water available.

**We'll be updating people on these key areas at our phase three consultation – we're expecting that our proposals will be different to what we shared at our previous consultation. We will continue to keep people updated as our plans progress.**

# Engagement update

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# Consultation and engagement plans


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We're now intending to hold an additional phase of non-statutory consultation in **2026** where we will provide an update on our proposals and more detailed information on areas we know are important to people.

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We've developed a **community poster** for display at key community touchpoints, making our contact information **easily accessible** for all.

We're working on developing a **booklet of key facts and information** to give you **more resources** to share with communities. We will distribute this in the new year.



The poster features the Anglian Water logo at the top left. The main title is 'A proposed new reservoir in Lincolnshire'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'Anglian Water is proposing a new reservoir to help secure a reliable water supply long into the future for our customers in Lincolnshire and across our wider region.' Another paragraph follows: 'This is a significant investment in England's water infrastructure and a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver lasting benefits for people, place and the environment.' The central image is a landscape photograph of a reservoir at sunset or sunrise, with a path leading towards the water and birds in the sky. At the bottom, there are two sections: 'Keep up to date' which includes a QR code and a 'Scan here' arrow, and 'Find out more' which lists contact information: Project website [www.lincsreservoir.co.uk](http://www.lincsreservoir.co.uk), Email [info@lincsreservoir.co.uk](mailto:info@lincsreservoir.co.uk), Freephone 0800 915 2491, and Post Freepost Lincolnshire Reservoir.

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# Consultation and engagement plans

We'll be continuing to engage with Parish Councils and local communities while we plan our next consultation, so we can keep people up to date on how we're developing our proposals.

**Discussion:** What do you think are the best ways for us to effectively keep people informed before our next consultation?



We'll be keeping people in the community informed between consultation phases.

# Group discussion

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# Thriving Communities Fund

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Our Thriving Communities Fund has been created to support community groups in our region to improve their local environment and create positive social impact. We'll be working closely with local communities across the region to make the most of this opportunity; understanding the challenges they face and what this fund could mean for them.



Between 2025 and 2030, **we'll be investing £5.8m** of shareholder funds in a range of projects that focus on enhancing the water environment and delivering real social benefits. So, whether it's enhancing wellbeing and reducing flood risk, improving water quality, or helping local species thrive, there are countless ways this fund can help communities flourish. **We're aiming to distribute £1.5m in the first 12 months, with available grants ranging between £10,000 and £100,000.**

**We look forward to receiving your application.**

Anglian Water's Thriving Communities Fund – doing the right thing today, for communities of tomorrow.

## Who can apply?

'Not for profit' organisations from across the Anglian Water region.

## How do I apply?

We're working with Cambridgeshire Community Foundation to manage the fund – you can apply via their website: [cambscf.org.uk/funds/thriving-communities/thriving-communities/](https://cambscf.org.uk/funds/thriving-communities/thriving-communities/)

## Key dates

There are 3 funding rounds per year

**Launch of the fund:** 10 November 2025

**First round closes:** 1 February 2026

**Assessment period:** February-March 2026

**First awards distributed:** April 2026

# Questions

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# Pre-submitted questions



- When will the field survey work be paused over this winter? When will it commence again in spring?
- Please can the vehicles remember to drive at a respectful speed along the lanes - especially past houses and farms - this especially is a request for the site ATV which has been going at dangerous speeds for its breaking capacity past houses with animals and children.
- Please can we have an update of progress and process with the Lancaster crash site?
- What have been the findings so far with the survey work? And if you can't tell residents yet, when will they receive a copy of the findings?
- Why are AW not exploring the multiple lakes that are for sale in the region as a much cheaper option for storing water?
- Why are AW not exploring the quarries between here and Grantham as potential water storage spaces, the one along the A52 is being expanded significantly and is closer to the 'blue pipe'.
- Why does the pipeline corridor extend northwards then bend into the reservoir site eastwards? It would make more sense for the pipeline corridor to be more straight and travel parallel to the A52 to meet the water treatment works. Did you consider this?
- How will you stop construction traffic going through the villages? There is a concern that workers during construction, or tourists once the reservoir is operational, may drive through Threkingham Village to cut out the A52/A15 roundabout.



# Closing comments from the Chair

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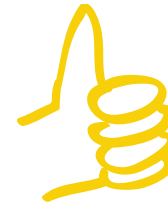
## Next time

- We'll keep you posted on the next meeting date, which will take place next year.
- A copy of the slides and a summary of today's meeting will be added to the project website [www.lincsreservoir.co.uk](http://www.lincsreservoir.co.uk)

**We're doing our annual review of the CLG's terms of reference – is there anything you think we should consider?**



# Thank you for listening



## Further project information:

- [www.lincsreservoir.co.uk](http://www.lincsreservoir.co.uk)
- Register for updates - [www.lincsreservoir.co.uk/register/](http://www.lincsreservoir.co.uk/register/)