

## ANGLIAN WATER CONSULTATION OPEN

The choice of location has been selected after a lengthy process where numerous (100+) were examined on a wide range of criteria in terms of geology, accessibility, heritage, conservation, biodiversity, ecology, cost etc.

It is important to conceptualise the term 'location' as this will include the water body but may also extend off-site to include water transfer infrastructure, pumping stations, water treatment works, landscaping, visitor infrastructure, biodiversity/ecology mitigation etc. the boundaries are therefore not fixed and Anglian Water are only able to provide concept designs at this time.

The reservoir will be retained by earth banks constructed from material excavated from the location with a reported minimal need for importation of construction materials. The reservoir will cover an area approximately 4km<sup>2</sup>.

The reservoir will require the acquisition of private property including homes and farms and Anglian Water contacted affected landowners in early September.

Anglian Water's formal consultation on a proposed new reservoir in our District has now opened. The proposed new location of the reservoir confirmed last month is an area south-east of Sleaford, about halfway between Grantham and Boston.

The reservoir will supply enough water for around half a million homes. It will also, according to Anglian Water, create a new visitor destination, creating new jobs, and wider economic, environmental, leisure and health benefits for the local community.

The project forms part of Anglian Water's long term water resources Management Plan, and is linked to the wider regional plan led by Water Resources East. These plans look 25 years ahead, with the objective of ensuring the region is resilient to more frequent episodes of drought brought on by climate change, all while improving environmental protection.

The initial consultation will run from 12th October until 21st December. As part of this consultation Anglian Water has provided a very early concept design for the reservoir to help stimulate thought and discussion. It shows some of the potential features they hope to include in the reservoir like wildlife area, recreation and water sports, green infrastructure like cycleways and renewable energy, and others. This will be developed further as the project progresses taking account of everyone's feedback.

A website for this consultation is available at:-

[www.lincsreservoir.co.uk](http://www.lincsreservoir.co.uk)

## AIR AND WATER QUALITY ADVICE NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL FARMERS IN ENGLAND

The government announced that farmers across England are now able to benefit from the advice of Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) advisors following the expansion of the programme which given the rural nature of parts of the district may be of interest to many parish areas of farmland. Local CSF advisors provide confidential on-farm support and advice across the farming community to encourage uptake on new and existing agricultural schemes and help farmers comply with regulations.

CFS is led by Natural England, in partnership with the Department of the Environment Agency. Advisors offer a range of support including signposting to relevant sources of advice, grants available, offering one-to-one tailored advice, including a visit from an agricultural specialist, or running group training and on-farm events.

CSF also works in partnership with a range of organisations including councils, water companies, trade bodies and environmental organisations. Their work has included part-funding advisors and tools to reach more farmers, enabling them to increase the resilience of their farm businesses. Further information and details on how farmers can speak to local advisors can be found at the link below.

Announcement: <https://www.gov.Uk/government/news/air-and-water-quality-advice-now-available-to-all-farmers-in-England>

Guidance and how to speak to local advisors:

<https://www.gov.Uk/guidance/catchment-sensitive-farming-reduce-agricultural-water-pollution>

## AVIAN FLU OUTBREAK

Anyone who keeps birds commercially or at home is advised to take measures to reduce the risk of avian flu spreading. Poultry will be culled at a Sleaford farm after bird flu was confirmed there.

Restrictions have been brought in to stop the spread of the disease.

A 3km protection zone has been created around the Ancaster premises, which stops the movement of birds in and out. There is also a 10km surveillance zone, where premises with birds are required to keep strict records.

A government notice has been issued:

"Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 was confirmed on commercial housed poultry on 12th October, at the premises near Sleaford, North Kesteven, Lincolnshire" the Department for Environment, Food and Rural affairs says.

"A 3km Protection Zone and 10km Surveillance Zone were declared around the premises. All poultry on this site will be humanely culled".

LCC's Trading Standards Team will be carrying out foot patrols in the area.

Mark Keal, LCC's Trading Standards Manager, said:

"Although it's not entirely unexpected that we would eventually have cases in the county, if you keep birds, we urge you to maintain good bio security measures, to limit the spread of avian flu as much as possible.

"We are also asking the public to be particularly vigilant about wild birds which may be affected by the disease.

"If you see dead wild birds, do not touch them, and report them to the Animal and Plant Health agency Avian flu primarily affects birds and the risk to the general public's health is very low, but reports from the public can help track the spread of the disease and prevent it infecting poultry and other captive birds.

You can report dead birds to APHA on 03459 33 55 77

## THE HUB: SUPPORTERS OF THE BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY PROJECT

Did you know that the Hub supports our Breastfeeding Friendly Project, along with providing its wide variety of friendly-family activities?

What inspired you as a venue to join the Breastfeeding Family project?

NKDC think it's important that everyone feels completely comfortable and welcome at The Hub and that's why they wanted to be part of the Breastfeeding Friendly Project. They know that sometimes mothers can feel uncomfortable breastfeeding in a public place, and they wanted to make it clear they are a safe and welcoming space.

## NEW DATE: PARISH COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT BRIEFINGS

Already there has been a positive response with many parishes adopting the revised code.

We promised to hold some further briefings where Councillors/Parish Clerks can learn more about the new Code and it's provisions.

This will be held by Microsoft Teams and an invitation will be sent on request.

Monday 28th November 6-8pm

To support effective participation these are limited to 30 places.

To confirm your attendance please email:  
NKCorporateAnd-Civic [SupportTeam@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:SupportTeam@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

## DIGITAL COMMUNITY HUBS

The Digital Hubs are a free service in place to help people with all sorts of questions and queries relating to their IT devices. The staff and volunteers are proficient IT users and can help with a wide range of General It issues.

- + Setting up and sending emails
- +Video calling
- +Accessing services online, such as NHS and council services
- +Online shopping
- +Safety and Security online
- +Using apps effectively
- +And much more

Digital Hubs locations and opening times:

Sleaford Town Hall, Every Tuesday from 10.30-12.00pm  
Osbourmby Village Hall, every Tuesday from 1.00-2.20pm  
Metheringham Library and Community Hub, Every Wednesday from 10,30-12.00pm  
Heckington Methodist Church, Every Wednesday from 1.30-3.30pm  
RUSKINGTON Methodist Church, Every Thursday from 10.30-12.00pm  
Waddington Community Hub, Every Thursday from 1.00- 2.30pm

Stay safe and keep well  
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report a problem near you,  
find your bin collection days,*

*change Council Tax details,  
look at recycling advice and more,  
all on our website.*

