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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information about Long Bennington, which we received on 29 March 2026. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested:

1. information about capacity and improvements to the sewer network in Long Bennington

EIR Response: Provision of Requested Information

Item 1 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

A clear assessment of the current capacity of the sewer system in this village and surrounding areas of the Long Bennington Parish:

Capacity assessments are required to be done on a site-by-site basis, as the impact of new development on our network will depend on the exact nature of the proposed development, the proposed connection point into our network, and factors such as the sites use and scale.

The Long Bennington catchment consists of Foston, Westborough, Dry Doddington, and Long Bennington. A number of Storm Sewer Overflows (SSO's) exist within the Long Bennington catchment. SSO's 'Long Bennington-Waterlane SSO' and 'Long Bennington-Church St TPS' are deemed to be over compliant, with an average of more than 10 spills over the past 3 years.

These can be viewed on a map on our website:

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/environment/storm-overflows/storm-overflow-map>

Spill data can be found on our website:

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Anglian Water are also aware of constraints within the Long Bennington catchment based on entries in our internal flood risk data, known as DG5s. DG5s refer to incidents of flooding resulting from insufficient hydraulic capacity. These events may involve internal or external flooding.

Anglian Water conduct capacity assessments when consulted on new planning applications and engage in the preparation of Local Plans as a statutory consultee. We also actively encourage developers to formally engage with Anglian Water through our Pre-Planning Enquiry (PPE) service, so drainage strategies can be agreed and to identify and address any concerns ahead of proposed development as soon as possible.

What capacity there is in future to accommodate more development, expressed as numbers of houses:

As capacity assessments are required to be done on a site-by-site basis, this cannot be answered for the general sewer system, due to the number of factors to be considered.

For the Long Bennington Water Recycling Centre (WRC), the permit is set at 639m³ per day. The average Q90 DWF residual headroom based on the last 3 years of flow data is 199m³pd. This provides headroom for an additional 532 properties. Please note this does not include sites with planning consent, yet to connect.

(Q90 DWF for 2025, 2024 and 2023 was 440m³pd, 456m³pd, 425m³pd, resulting in an average of 440m³pd. We calculate that the average property will use 374 litres per day, based on average population of 2.368 per household, using 126.2litres per head per day + 25% infiltration).

Information about any capacity improvements that are planned:

WINEP is the Water Industry National Environment Programme. WINEP outline a set of actions that all water companies in England must deliver to meet environmental legislation and governmental priorities.

As part of our WINEP obligations we have overflow investigations at Foston SP (pumping station), Long Bennington-Church St TPS (terminal pumping station), Long Bennington-Waterlane SSO (storm sewer overflow), and Dry Doddington TPS (terminal pumping station).

The Long Bennington Water Recycling Centre (WRC) also has overflow investigations and monitoring to reduce storm overflow spills, to protect the environment so that they have no local adverse ecological impact.

How AW would ensure capacity in future should the system become overloaded due to future developments:

Developers are required to pay an infrastructure charge upon connection for each new plot on their 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.

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. Site-Specific costs, including those incurred through delivery of new infrastructure up to, and including, the point of connection to our network, are the responsibility of the developer. These costs are separate from and additional to any works funded through infrastructure charging.

Anglian Water collaborates with local planning authorities across the region to identify sustainable locations for future development, taking into account infrastructure capacity as part of the development plan processes. We also work closely with our regulators to identify opportunities for future growth investment.

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Yours sincerely

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