

# Catfield Renewals

May 2015

We have produced the final determination report for two renewal applications at Catfield, Norfolk. The draft determination report was published in November 2014 and formed the basis of our 'minded to' consultation which we undertook as a result of the high volume of local and national interest in these applications.

The final determination report:

- explains how the applications have been considered;
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account in our decision making process; and
- justifies the final decision including any changes in decision from our previous assessment published in the minded to consultation in November 2014.

The determination report and all supporting documents are available to download via the following link under the heading 'Final Decision Documents' - <https://ea.sharefile.com/i/i782703d1d0c4b099>

## Your comments

In making our final decision we have considered all the responses to our 'minded to' consultation. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation and for their comments and additional information submitted. You can view all the submissions and our response to the key points raised in the 'final decision documents' folder.

## Comments from Natural England and the Broads Authority

We have considered all the comments provided by Natural England and the Broads Authority in making our final decision these comments are also available to view in the 'Decision Documents' folder.

## References

In completing these updated assessments, we have considered a large range of information. We have referenced the sources of information considered, all of which are now publicly available on sharefile under the heading 'References'.

### What information does the final determination report cover?

The final decision document has been split into the following sections:

Sections 1, 2 and 4	These sections provide a summary of the proposals and the application details.
Section 3	This describes the history behind the applications including information on the Ant Broads and Marshes SSSI
Section 5	This describes how the applicant has justified their water requirements and how they use water efficiently.
Section 6	This describes how the applications have been publicised.
Sections 7 and 8	This describes how we have consulted on the applications – both internally and externally with consultation bodies.
Section 9	This section contains the main technical assessment of the applications including the Water Framework Directive, impact on groundwater, impact on ecology and conservation, Habitats Directive and Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and how we have dealt with any representations received to date.
Sections 10 to 14	These sections cover our assessment of the costs and benefits of the applications, biodiversity and sustainable development, time limits and how the abstractions are measured.
Section 15	This describes our duties arising from legislation and how we have met them.
Section 16	This is the overall final conclusion and recommendations for the renewal applications.