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Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information about biosolids, which we received on 12 December 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested:

1. What is Anglian Water's policy regarding biosolids
2. Do Anglian Water process and spread it on fields through third parties
3. If yes, what precautions does Anglian Water take
4. Are there sites in Suffolk where this happens

EIR Response: Provision of Requested Information

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

The treated (digested) biosolids produced from Anglian Waters 10 sludge treatment centres (STCs) is recycled to agriculture.

Item 2 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

The Anglian Water biosolids storage operations are managed entirely by Anglian Water on Anglian Water sites. Contractors are used where necessary for haulage of biosolids to farm stockpile sites where the biosolids will be spread and for the biosolids spreading operations.

Item 3 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

The biosolids produced by Anglian Water is treated and recycled in compliance with all relevant legislation and standards including [The Environmental Permitting \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2016](#), [The Sludge \(Use in Agriculture\) Regulations 1989](#) and the Biosolids Assurance Scheme [Assured biosolids](#). These require that all biosolids recycling operations to agriculture are subject to checks related to soil quality and biosolids quality and benefit the receiving soil. In addition to these legal frameworks:

- Anglian Water's management system is accredited to ISO 14001 Environmental Management to ensure the quality of the recycling operation.
- The farm stockpile and spreading sites are risk assessed for the following hazards:
 - Suitability of the site's access.
 - Equipment needed to access the site, to minimise soil compaction and damage to the standing crop.
 - Compliance risks of stockpiling on the field, i.e., water courses, land drains, footpaths and field boundaries.
- Once stockpiles are located in fields then we conduct regular checks on a risk-based approach ahead of application to ensure stability.

Item 4 is held by Anglian Water and has been provided below.

Yes

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Yours sincerely

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