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PROPOSAL: Discharge of Condition 7 (Surface Water Drainage) of 21/01902/FUL.

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Comments from Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA)

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 19th February 2025.

We have reviewed the following documents:

- Condition 7 – Detailed Surface Water Drainage Strategy, Conisbee, Ref: MONKS-CON-ZZ-ZZ-T-C-000003 Version 1, Dated: 13 February 2025

Based on these we can recommend discharge of Condition 7 of planning permission 21/01902/FUL. The above document demonstrates that surface water will be managed through the use of permeable paving over the new parking area. An online basin is proposed and filter drains throughout the site. Water will be attenuated in the basin and tank and graded subbase, with discharge into the existing watercourse at the greenfield equivalent rates. Long term storage is provided for the complex flow control, limiting discharge from this storage structure a 2 l/s/ha for the 1% AEP storm.

Informatives

Ordinary Watercourse Consent
Constructions or alterations within an ordinary watercourse (temporary or permanent) require consent from the Lead Local Flood Authority under the Land Drainage Act 1991. Ordinary watercourses include every river, drain, stream, ditch, dyke, sewer (other than public sewer) and passage through which water flows that do not form part of Main

Rivers (Main Rivers are regulated by the Environment Agency). The applicant should refer to Cambridgeshire County Council's Culvert Policy for further guidance:

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/Cambridgeshires-Culvert-Policy.pdf

Please note the council does not regulate ordinary watercourses in Internal Drainage Board areas.

Pollution Control
Surface water and groundwater bodies are highly vulnerable to pollution and the impact of construction activities. It is essential that the risk of pollution (particularly during the construction phase) is considered and mitigated appropriately. It is important to remember that flow within the watercourse is likely to vary by season and it could be dry at certain times throughout the year. Dry watercourses should not be overlooked as these watercourses may flow or even flood following heavy rainfall.

Construction Surface Water Maintenance
Prior to final handover of the development, the developer must ensure that appropriate remediation of all surface water drainage infrastructure has taken place, particularly where the permanent drainage infrastructure has been installed early in the construction phase. This may include but is not limited to jetting of all pipes, silt removal and reinstating bed levels. Developers should also ensure that watercourses have been appropriately maintained and remediated, with any obstructions to flows (such as debris, litter and fallen trees) removed, ensuring the condition of the watercourse is better than initially found. This is irrespective of the proposed method of surface water disposal, particularly if an ordinary watercourse is riparian owned.

Yours sincerely,

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If you have any queries regarding this application, please contact the Officer named at the top of this letter (contact details are above).

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