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Proposal: Discharge of conditions 6 (contamination), 17 (highways - Metalled surface wheel wash), 18 (CEMP), 22 (Archaeology), 25 (Surface water run off), 28 (Flood flow and storage) for 20/00896/OUT

Land Adjacent And Including 2 Cromwell Road Eynesbury

Comments from Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA)

Dear Hannah,

Thank you for your re-consultation which we received on 28th April 2025.

We have reviewed the following documents:

- Construction Surface Water Management Plan, Scott White and Hookins, Ref: 203714-SWH-ZZ-01-S-RP-0001 Rev P02, Dated: 18 March 2025
- Construction Surface Water Management Plan, Scott White and Hookins, Ref: 203714-SWH-ZZ-XX-DR-C-0051-P05 Dated: 29 April 2025

Based on these we can recommend discharge of Condition 26 of planning permission 20/00896/OUT. The above document demonstrates that surface water can be managed during construction through the use of bunds to capture and divert as well as mitigate water entering the watercourse. Swales are proposed to be constructed early with haybales on the outfalls forming a temporary formal discharge point into the culverted drain.

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).

Please note: We are reliant on the accuracy and completeness of the reports in undertaking our review and can take no responsibility for incorrect data or interpretation made by the authors.