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Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 6 (Surface Water Drainage) and 7 (Foul Water Drainage) of 15/00917/OUT

Land East Of West Newlands Somersham

Comments from Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA)

Dear Charlotte,

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 7th May 2025.

At present we are **unable to recommend the discharge of Condition 6** for the following reasons:

1. More Information Required
As outlined in the Cambridgeshire Surface Water Guidance for Developers any Discharge of Condition application should include the following:

a) A clearly labelled drainage layout plan showing pipe networks and any attenuation ponds, soakaways, and drainage storage tanks. This should include cross sections and sections of proposed SuDS and attenuation structures
b) The proposed impermeable area
c) Total required volume of attenuation (m^3)
d) Detailed SuDS proposals (type, location, size)
e) Where an outfall discharge control device is to be used such as a vortex control or orifice, this should be shown on the plan with its dimensions and rate of discharge stated.
f) Calculations should demonstrate how the system operates during a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) critical duration storm event, including an appropriate allowance for climate change and urban creep in line with the National

Planning Policy Framework Technical Guidance. If overland flooding occurs in this event, a plan should also be submitted detailing the location of overland flow paths including the extent and depth of ponding.

g) Management / maintenance arrangements (including adopting body)

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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Flood Risk Manager

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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