Lead Local Flood Authority Planning Application response

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Local Planning Authority	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Planning application name	Screening opinion for Solar Farm, 220 Acres at Bird Grove Farm
Planning application reference	SMD/2019/0368
Type of application	Scoping Assessment Opinion
Date consulted	21st June 2019
Date of response	09th July 2019

Disclaimer

This response is made by the County Council in its capacity as a Lead Local Flood Authority as a statutory consultee. As a Lead Local Flood Authority, we respond to Planning Applications where resources allow and considering where development has the greatest ability to affect flood risk.

These comments should be taken as general comments on flood risk and drainage only. A detailed review of any technical methodology and results has not been undertaken by the Council. Liability for such technical work therefore rests with organisation(s) who have undertaken the said work.

General observations/ local flooding information

Flood Zone	Flood Zone 1
Surface water risk	Yes, updated Flood Map for Surface Water shows high risk only associated with the banks of the watercourse running through the proposed development and minor ponding that would have no significant effect on the development.
Past flooding	None Known Our information about past flooding is based on data that the Flood Risk Management team holds. Where other authorities (such as LPAs) have been made aware of issues, we cannot guarantee they have passed this information on to us.
Watercourse within 5m of site	Yes – Unnamed Tertiary River (Tributary to River Blithe)
Other observations	N/a

RESPONSE

Thank you for consulting us on this screening opinion, our response is as follows:

Staffordshire County Council Flood Risk Management position

From a surface water flood risk and drainage perspective we do not believe the development is likely have a long-term detrimental impact to the surface water environment however we would expect mitigation measures to be put in place during the construction period in order to prevent any contamination of the watercourse which runs through the site.

As part of any planning application submitted for this development and associated buildings, we would be looking for a sustainable drainage solution to be included within the design.

Reason

To ensure the satisfactory storage and disposal of surface water from the site.

Please contact us on flood.team@staffordshire.gov.uk if you have any queries about this response.