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Good Day,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this planning application. Please find our response noted below:

With Reference to the above planning application the company's observations regarding sewerage are as follows.

I can confirm that we have no objections to the proposals subject to the inclusion of the following condition:

0. The development hereby permitted should not commence until drainage plans for the disposal of foul and surface water flows have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority, and
1. The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details before the development is first brought into use.
2. Planning Practice Guidance and section H of the Building Regulations 2010 detail surface water disposal hierarchy. The disposal of surface water by means of soakaways should be considered as the primary method. If this is not practical and there is no watercourse available as an alternative, other sustainable methods should also be explored. If these are found unsuitable satisfactory evidence will need to be submitted before a discharge to the public sewerage system is considered. No surface water to enter the foul or combined water systems by any means.

Reason

To ensure that the development is provided with a satisfactory means of drainage as well as reduce the risk of creating or exacerbating a flooding problem and to minimise the risk of pollution.

Severn Trent Water advise that there may be a public sewer located within the application site. Although our statutory sewer records do not show any public sewers within the area you have specified, there may be sewers that have been recently adopted under the Transfer Of Sewer Regulations 2011. Public sewers have statutory protection and may not be built close to, directly over or be diverted without consent and contact must be made with Severn Trent Water to discuss the proposals. Severn Trent will seek to assist in obtaining a solution which protects both the public sewer and the building.

Please note that there is no guarantee that you will be able to build over or close to any Severn Trent sewers, and where diversion is required there is no guarantee that you will be able to undertake those works on a self-lay basis. Every approach to build near to or divert our assets has to be assessed on its own merit and the decision of what is or isn't permissible is taken based on the risk to the asset and the wider catchment it serves. It is **vital** therefore that you contact us at the earliest opportunity to discuss the implications of our assets crossing your site. Failure to do so could significantly affect the costs and

timescales of your project if it transpires diversionary works need to be carried out by Severn Trent.

NOTE: This response only relates to the public waste water network and does not include representation from other areas of Severn Trent Water, such as the provision of water supply or the protection of drinking water quality.

IMPORTANT:

Due to a change in processes, we no longer look at extensions under the planning application process. All extensions are dealt with by Building Regulations, and if an asset is affected by the works, then the applicant will need to contact STW.

Severn Trent objects to the building over of any sewer or water main. However, in accordance with part H of the Building Regulations, a building over or building close to a public gravity sewer may be allowed subject to certain conditions being fulfilled.

To pursue this option the APPLICANT must contact building.over@severntrent.co.uk to discuss (not yourselves the LPA).

Please note if you wish to respond to this email please send it to Planning.apwest@severntrent.co.uk where we will look to respond within 10 working days. If your query is regarding drainage proposals, please email to the aforementioned email address and mark for the attention of Planning Liaison Technician.

Kind regards,

Asset Protection Team

Severn Trent

Asset Protection (West)

Severn Trent Water - Waste Water Services

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