New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Water Quality checklist

This checklist must be completed and provided for the Local Planning Authority to validate any planning application for one or more dwellings. It sets out how a mitigation package will be provided to remove any likely significant effect on a European Site.

All relevant boxes should be completed and the form must be signed. If signed by an agent, it is their responsibility to ensure that the applicant is aware of the commitment to providing a mitigation package, in the form of a financial contribution, the scale of which is currently not known.

Application details	
Site Name:	Land of Brook House
Site Address:	Salisbury Road, Calmore, Netley Marsh, SO40 2RQ

The Issue

There is existing evidence of high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus in the water environment with evidence of eutrophication at some designated sites. As such, there is considered to be a likely significant effect from residential (and similar) developments located anywhere in the New Forest District. As a result, an avoidance and mitigation package will be needed in order for the Council to lawfully grant any planning permission. The Council has published a Nutrient Neutrality Position Statement which sets out that it is possible to mitigate development in the short term. This can be seen here:

https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/documents/s12222/Report%209%20-%20Position%20Statement%20on%20Nutrient%20Neutral%20Development%20-%20Interim%20Nitrogen%20Mitigation%20Solution.pdf

The position statement highlights those developments which are expected to provide avoidance and mitigation on-site, thus resulting in a nutrient neutral development. It also sets out that, for any other applicable developments, the exact scale of avoidance and mitigation package (which would take the form of a financial contribution) is not yet known.

As a result, in order for the development to comply with the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations and for the Council to lawfully be able to grant planning permission, it will be necessary to impose a grampian condition requiring the provision of an avoidance and mitigation package prior to the occupation of the development.

It would be the applicant's risk as to whether to proceed with any development that is granted planning permission without the knowledge of the precise scale of the avoidance and mitigation package.

OPTIONS	
Please select one of the following options:	
I hereby confirm that the proposed development will include an avoidance and mitigation package, in line with the Nutrient Neutrality Position Statement and confirm that I am content that a grampian condition is used to secure this prior to occupation.	✓
The proposed development would be 'nitrogen neutral'. A nitrogen budget is attached to this checklist (this option is particularly applicable to developments proposed on agricultural land)	
The proposed development is not nitrogen neutral and no avoidance or mitigation package is proposed (please note that planning permission could not lawfully be granted in these circumstances).	

Declaration				
Please select one of the following options to the right, then complete all boxes below	Signed by applicant		Signed by agent	✓

By submitting this form to New Forest District Council, the applicant is committing to providing mitigation packages, usually in the form of a financial contribution. If the top option for 'water quality' has been selected, the applicant specifically understands that the scale of the contribution is unknown at this time.

If an agent is signing on behalf of an applicant, it is the agent's responsibility to seek the agreement of the applicant to the commitments selected above as it will be the applicants who assumes the risk and responsibility upon the granting of any planning permission.

Signed:	[redacted]
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Date:	01/09/2023