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## Pre-planning enquiry: Confirmation of sufficient capacity

**Site: 112 Brize Norton Road, Minster Lovell, Witney, OX29 0SQ**

Dear Mrs Drew,

Thank you for Pre-planning application for the construction of 4 residential dwellings.

We have completed the assessment of the foul water flows based on the information submitted in your application with the purpose of assessing sewerage capacity within the existing Thames Water sewer network.

This confirmation is valid for 12 months or for the life of any planning approval that this information is used to support, to a maximum of three years.

**You'll need to keep us informed of any changes to your design – for example, an increase in the number or density of homes. Such changes could mean there is no longer sufficient capacity.**

If your proposals progress in line with the details you've provided, we're pleased to confirm that there will be sufficient sewerage capacity in the adjacent foul water sewer network to serve your development.

### Foul Water

Proposed foul water to discharge via gravity flow into an existing uncharted manhole chamber located on an existing unmapped 150mm foul water upstream from manhole SP3110 2102.

### Surface Water

No surface water discharge information has been provided/Site is to follow SuD's therefore no direct or indirect discharge of surface water into a Thames Water sewer.

In accordance with the Building Act 2000 Clause H3.3, positive connection of surface water to a public sewer will only be consented when it can be demonstrated that the hierarchy of disposal methods have been examined and proven to be impracticable.

**Before we can consider your surface water needs, you'll need written approval from the LLFA (Lead Local Flood Authority) that you have followed the sequential approach to the disposal of surface water and considered all practical means.**



The disposal hierarchy being:

1. store rainwater for later use.
2. use infiltration techniques where possible.
3. attenuate rainwater in ponds or open water features for gradual release.
4. attenuate rainwater by storing in tanks or sealed water features for gradual release.
5. discharge rainwater direct to a watercourse.
6. discharge rainwater to a surface water sewer/drain.
7. discharge rainwater to the combined sewer.
8. discharge rainwater to the foul sewer

Where connection to the public sewerage network is still required to manage surface water flows, we will accept these flows at a discharge rate in line with CIRIA's best practice guide on SuDS or that stated within the sites planning approval.

Please see the attached 'Planning your wastewater' leaflet for additional information.

### **Diversion**

From our records we don't anticipate that any wastewater assets need to be diverted to accommodate your proposals.

### **What happens next?**

Please make sure you submit your **S106 Connection Application**, giving us at least 21 days' notice of the date you wish to make your new connection(s).

If you've any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



**Colins Akemche**

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