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Dear Anna,

Thank you for re-consulting the Flood Risk and Drainage Team on the above application.

We have reviewed correspondence from the applicant re: Surface Water Drainage detail submitted on 30/07.26 and our comments of 16/07/26 remain valid.

Surface Water Drainage

The proposed surface water drainage strategy indicates that surface water runoff will ultimately discharge to an existing pond located outside the application boundary and ownership boundary.

The applicant has not demonstrated that the pond provides a suitable and sustainable point of discharge for the lifetime of the development. In particular, no evidence has been provided to demonstrate:

- that the pond has a positive onward discharge to an existing watercourse or drainage network;
- the route by which water leaves the pond;
- that the pond has sufficient capacity to accommodate the additional runoff from the proposed development without increasing flood risk; and
- The pond will be managed and maintained for the lifetime of the development.

At this stage of the planning process, the applicant must demonstrate that there is a viable and achievable discharge route beyond the pond. Without evidence of onward connectivity and confirmation that runoff can continue to discharge safely, it has not been demonstrated that the proposed drainage strategy will function effectively for the lifetime of the development or that it will not increase flood risk on or off site.

Following receipt of the requested information, the Flood Risk and Drainage Team will be able to provide a further consultation response.

Receipt of the requested information does not mean further information will not be requested, nor does it guarantee that the Flood Risk and Drainage Team will not object to the development. Neither does it prevent the team from recommending a flood risk or drainage condition.

Best Wishes

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