

Good afternoon,

On review of the document 'Drainage Design Strategy', **Revised July 2026**, HDC Drainage are now satisfied by the layout and considerations of the proposed Drainage Strategy for this development.

In this instance, the request for more information at this stage of the planning process was considered appropriate. The proposed strategy had failed to recognise site constraints or provide an appropriate point for an outfall, the implications of which would have become more difficult to address later. The applicant has now provided this information and a solution for the management of Foul and Surface Water on site has been established, as such, HDC Drainage await any outstanding details, to be finalised at Discharge of Condition. The applicant must clearly demonstrate the sites/developments' ability to implement the proposed Drainage Strategy successfully.

HDC Drainage await details about the size and construction of the proposed Drainage Field for Foul Drainage and the Soakaway for Surface Water Drainage, invert levels of all drainage features and management and maintenance plans (including proprietary Device Manuals) must also be provided. Infiltration testing during winter is advised and winter groundwater levels must be at least 1m below the proposed soakaway.

Percolation testing (BS6297) is advised, as the applicant will likely need to apply for an environmental permit, which will likely be a requirement of the Environment Agency.

Note: details regarding the superseded drainage strategy, will need to be omitted from the report.

Recommended Condition: A finalised Drainage Strategy may be submitted for review and approval by the local Planning Authority, to determine that the site drainage meets the requirements of the NPPF and PPG, National standards for sustainable drainage systems (June 2025), and the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015) – Policy 35 and Policy 38.

Kind regards,

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