We have seen that Natural England has responded to the revised reports with some further queries. In response, we attach an updated Water Neutrality Report and comment below as follows:

- As detailed in the submitted reports, the remaining water demand for the residential development stands at 138,596.72 litres/year, and there is an available offsetting volume of 157,680 litres/year. This equates to a 13.77% overprovision when compared to the required offsetting volume.

- As stated in Section 3.4.4 (Water Offsetting Using Housing Association Homes) of the updated Water Neutrality Report, the 2.4 occupancy rate is only used for comparison purposes. The actual figure used is 27 l/p/d multiplied by the actual number of people in the property, given these are existing occupied properties.

- Natural England's response notes that the LPA can choose to accept bespoke occupancy rates based upon sound evidence. As such, given the actual occupancy rates of the properties are known, it is wholly appropriate to adopt this bespoke occupancy rate i.e. which equates to an average of 2.28. The number of occupiers was obtained from a Housing Association Homes survey, and has been verified by a physical site inspection. We consider that this evidence is sufficient in order to adopt a bespoke approach.