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Date 28 July 2025

Dear Alex

RE: 25/01514/FP - Erection of shop, forecourt canopy, car and jet wash, car and cycle parking, EV vehicle charging points, hard and soft landscaping, and bin stores following demolition of existing buildings. Whitehorse Service Station Clothall Road Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6PD

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 2 July 2025. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

Upon reviewing the documents submitted in support of this application, the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) has observed that **no documentation** pertaining to the **Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy has been provided**.

We **object** to this planning application in the absence of an acceptable Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) or / and Drainage Strategy or and supporting information relating to:

- The applicant is required to submit a comprehensive and satisfactory Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy for the site, in order to adequately evaluate the potential flood risks to the site.
- The development is not in accordance with NPPF, PPG or North Herts local policies including Policy NE8 – Reducing Flood Risk.

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For further advice on what we expect to be contained within the FRA and/ or a Drainage Strategy to support a planning application, please refer to the Validation List and Proforma on our surface water drainage webpage

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/water/surface-water-drainage/surface-water-drainage.aspx> this link also includes HCC's Flood Risk Management policies on SuDS in Hertfordshire. We do expect the Validation List to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and LLFA to show you have provided all information and the Proforma to the LLFA to summarise the details of the proposed development.

Erection of flow control structures or any culverting of an ordinary watercourse requires consent from the appropriate authority, which in this instance is Hertfordshire Lead Local Flood Authority and the Local Council (if they have specific land drainage bylaws). It is advised to discuss proposals for any works at an early stage of proposals.

Both FEH13 and FEH22 are currently accepted to support drainage modelling calculations. For the avoidance of doubt the use of FSR and FEH1999 data has been superseded and therefore, use in rainfall simulations are not accepted.

Please note if, you the Local Planning Authority review the application and decide to grant planning permission, notify the us (the Lead Local Flood Authority), by email at FRMConsultations@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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