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Date 30 June 2025

Dear Mr Hunter

RE: 25/00489/DOC - Details reserved by condition 25 (Drainage) of planning permission reference no 19/01669/FP granted 11 February 2025 - Land on the South West Side of Stevenage Road St Ippolyts Hertfordshire

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 18 June 2025. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

Since our previous response, the applicant has provided results of the infiltration testing alongside an updated drainage plan and associated calculations. The calculations test failure of the pump for 24 hours to ensure there is no increase in flood risk on or offsite. We can now advise that there **is sufficient technical information** to support the application in relation to the wording of Condition 25.

Yours sincerely

Jake

Jake Silverton
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Annex

The following documents have been reviewed, which have been submitted to support the application;

- Report: Private Drainage Layout, Infrastructure Design Ltd, June 2025
- Drainage Calculations (pump failure), Infrastructure Design Ltd, June 2025
- Infiltration Testing Report, RDM Environmental and Geotechnical Engineering Ltd, May 2025

For reference, Condition 25 wording is as follows:

Prior to the commencement of development, construction drawings of the surface water drainage network, associated sustainable drainage components and flow control mechanisms and a construction method statement shall be submitted and agreed in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall then be constructed as per the agreed drawings, method statement, FRA & Drainage Strategy (Revision B, August 2023), Flood Risk and Drainage Technical Note (November 2023) considering additional requirements below (I, II) and remaining in perpetuity for the lifetime of the development unless agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No alteration to the agreed drainage scheme shall occur without prior written approval from the Local Authority. The Drainage Strategy shall include;

- Additional infiltration testing (to BRE 365 standards and at the depth of all the proposed infiltration features) should be carried out to clarify the rates across the site in the strata which will be utilised for discharge.*
- Updated hydraulic calculations (following the updated infiltration testing results) to ensure the scheme can cater for all events up to and including the 1% AEP (plus appropriate climate change event).*

Reason: To ensure that the development achieves a high standard of sustainability and to comply with NPPF Policies of North Herts Council. To comply with Policy NE8 of the Local Plan and Section 14 of the NPPF.