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Dear Mr Rea

**RE: 24/01694/S73 – Variation of Condition Application – Johnson Matthey Plc,
Orchard Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5HE**

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 12 August 2024. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

The LLFA advise that there **is sufficient technical information** to support the application in relation to the wording for variation of condition 2. Whilst the LLFA note that this is variation for revised plans, the LLFA have no outstanding queries relating to drainage and thus, can recommend the variation of condition 2. The LLFA have the following comments:

This is a Variation of Condition Application for Condition 2 (revised plans) of planning permission 23/02625/FP granted 22.02.2024 for Erection of Industrial Building (3CR Annex), Link Bridge and other associated works.

The LLFA have reviewed the Building Drainage Philosophy (dated August 2023, REF X2JM-210-000-DBD-001-0001-00 0), Planning Statement (July 2024) and the Drainage Layout Drawing (REF X2JM-210-000-SKT-001-0001-01) and have no objection to the proposals. The drainage principles utilise rainwater outlets, into rainwater pipes and into stormwater manholes. The drainage principles follow the drainage hierarchy and support sustainable surface water disposal. The drainage layout clearly outlines the proposed method. The only informative the LLFA would like to raise is that the drainage layout should be at detailed design stage, rather than preliminary.

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For further advice on what we expect to be contained within the FRA to support a planning application, please refer to our Developers Guide and Checklist 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 policies on SuDS in Hertfordshire.

In December 2022 it was announced FEH rainfall data has been updated to account for additional long term rainfall statistics and new data. As a consequence, the rainfall statistics used for surface water modelling and drainage design has changed. In some areas there is a reduction in comparison to FEH2013 and some places an increase (see [FEH22 - User Guide \(hydrosolutions.co.uk\)](#)). Both FEH 2013 and 2023 are currently accepted. 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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Annex

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

- Building Drainage Philosophy for the proposed development at Johnson Matthey, Royston, prepared by Fluor, August 2023, REF X2JM-210-000-DBD-001-0001-00 0A
- Application for a S73 Variation of Conditions Application, pursuant to planning permission 23/02625/FP for the proposed development at Johnson Matthey, Royston, prepared by Bidwells, July 2024
- Preliminary Underground Drainage Layout Philosophy for the proposed development at Johnson Matthey, Royston, prepared by Fluor, REF X2JM-210-000-SKT-001-0001-01