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Subject: 3rd Party Planning Application - 25/03080/HYA

North Herts District Council, Council Offices, , Letchworth Garden City, Herts, SG6 3JF

24 August 2026

Our DTS Ref: 16430
Your Ref: 25/03080/HYA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: LAND NORTH EAST OF, GREAT ASHBY, HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG4 7BU

Waste Comments:

Waste Comments:Thames Water has identified that the existing FOUL WATER network does not have sufficient capacity to support the proposed development. As such, we request that the following condition be attached to any planning permission granted:

The development shall not be occupied until confirmation is provided that either:

1. All necessary upgrades to the foul water network to accommodate additional flows from the development have been completed; or
2. A phasing plan for development and infrastructure, agreed with Thames Water and the Local Planning Authority, is in place. Where such a plan exists, no occupation shall occur other than in accordance with the approved phasing schedule.

Reason: Network reinforcement is likely to be required to support the proposed development. These upgrades are essential to avoid the risk of sewer flooding and pollution incidents.

If the Local Planning Authority considers this condition inappropriate or is unable to include it in the decision notice, it is essential to consult with Thames Water's Development Planning Department at Devcon.team@thameswater.co.uk before determining the application.

Please note where network modelling is required, Thames Water will need confirmation of outline planning permission, a development phasing plan, and evidence of land ownership to be submitted to devcon.team@thameswater.co.uk . Modelling can take 9-12 months to complete and will not

commence until these have been provided.

Public sewers are crossing or close to your development. Build over agreements are required for any building works within 3 metres of a public sewer and, or within 1 metre of a public lateral drain. This is to prevent damage to the sewer network and ensures we have suitable and safe access to carry out maintenance and repairs. Please refer to our guide on working near or diverting our pipes: <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/developers/larger-scale-developments/planning-your-development/working-near-our-pipes> Please ensure to apply to determine if a build over agreement will be granted.

This site is affected by wayleaves and easements within the boundary of or close to the application site. Thames Water will seek assurances that these will not be affected by the proposed development. The applicant should undertake appropriate searches to confirm this. To discuss the proposed development in more detail, the applicant should contact Developer Services - <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/developers>

The application indicates that SURFACE WATER will NOT be discharged to the public network and as such Thames Water has no objection, however approval should be sought from the Lead Local Flood Authority. Should the applicant subsequently seek a connection to discharge surface water into the public network in the future then we would consider this to be a material change to the proposal, which would require an amendment to the application at which point we would need to review our position.

We would expect the developer to demonstrate what measures will be undertaken to minimise groundwater discharges into the public sewer. Groundwater discharges typically result from construction site dewatering, deep excavations, basement infiltration, borehole installation, testing and site remediation. Any discharge made without a permit is deemed illegal and may result in prosecution under the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991. Should the Local Planning Authority be minded to approve the planning application, Thames Water would like the following informative attached to the planning permission: "A Groundwater Risk Management Permit from Thames Water will be required for discharging groundwater into a public sewer. Any discharge made without a permit is deemed illegal and may result in prosecution under the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991. We would expect the developer to demonstrate what measures he will undertake to minimise groundwater discharges into the public sewer. Permit enquiries should be directed to Thames Water's Risk Management Team by telephoning 020 3577 9483 or by emailing trade.effluent@thameswater.co.uk . Application forms should be completed on line via www.thameswater.co.uk. Please refer to the Wholesale; Business customers; Groundwater discharges section.

Water Comments:

Water Comments: With regard to water supply, this comes within the area covered by the Affinity Water Company. For your information the address to write to is - Affinity Water Company The Hub, Tamblin Way, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9EZ - Tel - 0845 782 3333.

Supplementary Comments:

Yours faithfully,
Development Planning Department

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