

Land at Sweechbridge Road, Hillborough Surface Water Drainage Statement

(Document ref. 133598-SWDS-01A)

1. Introduction

This Drainage Statement has been prepared by RSK on behalf of Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd to provide supporting information in relation to the drainage planning conditions as stated in the planning permission reference CA/17/01866. It is to be read in conjunction with the supporting information as provided in the appendices and/or referenced within this document. It provides information regarding the disposal of surface water runoff and the design philosophy and criteria.

2. Site Background

The site is located at Hillborough, Sweechbridge Road, Herne Bay with grid reference 620222N, 167643E. The existing site is greenfield land bounded by existing development to the north and west, Sweechbridge Road to the east and the A299 Thanet Way to the south. The site has been granted planning based on an application for a mixed-use development including up to 900 dwellings comprising detailed proposals for the erection of 193 new dwellings (Phase 1) and outline application for up to 707 additional dwellings with all matters reserved except access (excluding internal circulation).

The site itself is a green field site, with a general fall from northwest to southeast. South of the railway, the existing topography of the site falls towards the east from the south west, and there is an existing ditch network on site that acts as a preferential pathway for overland flows on the site in its current condition. There is an existing connection from Puffin Road to the north hat will be protected and maintained throughout development works, and incorporated into the proposed network.

The proposed site layout is shown on the plan in *Appendix A*.

3. Surface Water Drainage

The proposed strategy for the site wide development, including Phase 1 which has been advanced to detailed design status based on the hybrid planning application, is in accordance with the principles set out during the pre-planning stage. The LLFA were liaised with and contributed into these philosophies which are adhered to. The PFA Consulting Limited strategy is based on managing the disposal of surface water runoff from the proposed development within a system of swales and on-line ponds/detention basins, with the discharge to the local watercourse and ditch system restricted to greenfield rates.

The key principles of the PFA strategy are listed below. A copy of the sitewide drainage strategy presented at planning is included in *Appendix B*. It is planned that the strategy will adhere to these key principles agreed during the planning stage.

• It is proposed that the discharge rate from the site is restricted to QBAR for all rainfall events.



- For preliminary calculations are based on the assumption that developed areas would give rise to net impermeable areas of 65% of the respective development catchment area for residential development, 85% for employment, and 50% for the school.
- Existing ditches within the site boundary will be retained and kept separate from the proposed surface water drainage network where possible. The connection from Puffin Road to the north of the development will be maintained.

The QBAR discharge rate presented on PFA report has been used when developing the detailed strategy for the scheme on Phase 1. The latest review of the layout suggests that the impermeable area for the Phase 1 residential development is approximately 50% of the total phase area. It is anticipated the same strategy will be carried through to future phases, that will be developed as the masterplan is advanced.

RSK discussed the use of the existing ditch network with the Kent County Council's (KCC) drainage team at a meeting on 28th January 2020. It was agreed, and as stated in the PFA FRA report, the function of the ditches will be maintained. However, at some locations where the existing ditches are adjacent to the proposed development, the form of the ditches may be altered to improve their use, i.e. converted to enhanced swales where the proposed and existing levels are incompatible. The features will have a green, SuDS appearance on the surface but still maintain their present functionality.

In the future phases, the ditches on those areas of the scheme will be surveyed to investigate any measures required to improve or maintain their role in the overall network.

A scheme has been developed, utilising a combination of sustainable features, including permeable paving for drives and parking areas, with high level overflows into the positive network, via downstream open drainage features. Ultimately the surface water will outfall via the existing culvert under the railway that dissects the site and the existing ditch south of the railway to the existing watercourse on the eastern boundary, with the rate limited to QBAR.

Surveys will be carried out of the existing outfall features to identify any maintenance required to preserve the purpose of these features.

SuDS measures are incorporated the Phase 1 design to provide water quality improvements. These include permeable paving, enhanced swales, catch pits prior to all SuDS features, gullies, online ponds with granular low flow channels as indicated on the details included in *Appendix C*.

The design philosophy was to design the features to have capacity to keep the storm events up to and including the 1:30 year storm underground. If any flooding occurs during the 1:100 plus climate change event, it will be controlled and directed away from properties. The levels have been designed to ensure all properties are protected from any overland flood flows. Any such flows will be contained within the kerb height of the highway.

We have looked to replicate the existing catchments and topography as much as is practicable. Controls, set at greenfield rates, will be installed to ensure the downstream features are not overwhelmed during the most severe storm events. The individual catchments will be directed to detention SuDS features, the volumes of which will be commensurate with these catchments. Verification reports will be provided to prove the drainage network is constructed as approved.



The proposed strategy for surface water disposal is replicated in *Appendix D*.

4. Summary

This strategy to dispose of the surface water runoff has been developed in accordance with the requirements set out by the LLFA, both during consultation and the subsequent meeting.

We have worked to provide a system that not only provides a betterment to the existing situation but ensures that no neighbouring properties will be affected by the proposed works. The proposed network has been designed using sustainable techniques while addressing all environmental considerations to provide a robust, sustainable, compliant design.

Appendices

Appendix A - Proposed Site Plan

Appendix B - Site Wide Drainage Strategy

Appendix C – SuDS Details

Appendix D – Surface Water Calculations



APPENDIX A

Proposed Site Plan

