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Date 16 August 2024

Dear Mr Lamb,

RE: 3/24/1255/OUT - Land South Of A507, West Of A10, Buntingford

Thank you for your consultation regarding the above application (received 11 July 2024) for an outline planning application for development of employment land (flexible use B2, B8, E(c) and E(g)), informal open space, associated works and infrastructure including a new access from A507, with all matters reserved except for access.

We **object** to this planning application in the absence of an acceptable Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Drainage Strategy.

Reason
To prevent flooding in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 173, 175 and 180 by ensuring the satisfactory management of local flood risk, surface water flow paths, storage and disposal of surface water from the site in a range of rainfall events and ensuring the SuDS proposed operates as designed for the lifetime of the development.

We will consider reviewing this objection if the issues highlighted on the accompanying Planning Application Technical Response document are adequately addressed.

The main points of this are;

- Further clarification into the location of the ditch which is proposed to receive runoff from the development.
- High level assessment into maintenance requirements for any drainage components.

Informative

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 For the avoidance of doubt the use of FSR and FEH1999 data has been superseded and therefore, use in rainfall simulations are not accepted.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

Jake

Jake Silverton
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Annex

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

- Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy, Jubb Consulting Engineers Ltd, June 2024