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## Pre-planning enquiry: Confirmation of sufficient capacity

**Site: Calthorpe Street and Marlborough Road, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX16 5EX**

Dear Mr Baczynski,

Thank you for providing information on your development.

*Proposed site: Re-development of 1.6 hectare site to provide 260 new housing units.*

*Proposed foul water: To discharge by gravity to 225mm foul sewer in Calthorpe Street and/or Marlborough Road to one or more of the following manholes: 4302, 4301, 4305, 4403, 4402, 5404, 5302.*

*Proposed surface water (14400m<sup>2</sup>): To discharge by gravity to 300mm surface sewer in Calthorpe Street, to one or more of the following manholes: 4250, 4350, 4451, 4450. Surface water discharge to be restricted to a total of 7.2 l/s.*

We have completed the assessment of the foul water flows and surface water run-off based on the information submitted in your application with the purpose of assessing sewerage capacity within the existing Thames Water sewer network.

### Foul Water

If your proposals progress in line with the details you've provided, we're pleased to confirm that there will be sufficient sewerage capacity in the adjacent foul water sewer network to serve your development.

This confirmation is valid for 12 months or for the life of any planning approval that this information is used to support, to a maximum of three years.

**You'll need to keep us informed of any changes to your design – for example, an increase in the number or density of homes. Such changes could mean there is no longer sufficient capacity.**

### Surface Water

In accordance with the Building Act 2000 Clause H3.3, positive connection of surface water to a public sewer will only be consented when it can be demonstrated that the hierarchy of disposal methods have been examined and proven to be impracticable. Before we can consider your surface water needs, you'll need written approval from the lead local flood authority that you have followed the sequential approach to the disposal of surface water and considered all practical means.

When developing a site, policy SI 13 of the London Plan states "Development proposals should aim to achieve greenfield run-off rates and ensure that surface water run-off is managed as



close to its source as possible. There should also be a preference for green over grey features, in line with the following drainage hierarchy:"

The disposal hierarchy being:

1. rainwater use as a resource (for example rainwater harvesting, blue roofs for irrigation)
2. rainwater infiltration to ground at or close to source
3. rainwater attenuation in green infrastructure features for gradual release (for example green roofs, rain gardens)
4. rainwater discharge direct to a watercourse (unless not appropriate)
5. controlled rainwater discharge to a surface water sewer or drain
6. controlled rainwater discharge to a combined sewer

Where connection to the public sewerage network is still required to manage surface water flows, we will accept these flows at a discharge rate in line with CIRIA's best practice guide on SuDS or that stated within the sites planning approval.

If the above surface water hierarchy has been followed and if the flows are restricted to a total of 7.2 l/s, for all storms up to and including 1:100+40%CC; then Thames Water would not have any objections to the proposal.

Please see the attached 'Planning your wastewater' leaflet for additional information.

### **Diversion**

Where there are any existing public sewers crossing the site, new buildings will need to be kept between 3 and 6.5m away from existing sewer depending on the size and depth of the sewer. Alternatively, it may be possible for sewers to be diverted around the new development. If you wish us to review a diversion proposal, please submit this via a Section 185 Diversion application. On some occasions it may be possible to abandon existing public sewers. Please contact us for further information on this process.

### **What happens next?**

Please make sure you submit your connection application, giving us at least 21 days' notice of the date you wish to make your new connection/s.

If you have any further questions, please contact me on 0800 009 3921.

Yours sincerely



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Get advice on making your sewer connection correctly at [connectright.org.uk](https://connectright.org.uk)

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