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**Your ref:** 15/00412/DISC  
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Dear Ms Griffiths

**Partial discharge of condition 13 in relation to AP2 and AP3 of TWA/10/APP/01  
Oxford to Bicester Rail Link**

Thank you for your consultation, which we received on 16 October 2015.

We have reviewed the document EWP P1 - SW Drainage Assessment (AP2 & AP3), (WHS, September 2015).

**Environment Agency position**

We are unable to recommend the discharge of Condition 13 (surface water drainage) in relation to AP2 (Tubbs Lane Bridge and AP3 Bicester Station).

The plans included in the document are not clear due to the quality of their reproduction. It is particularly unclear as to where the drainage systems at both sites are discharging. The relevant plans are:

5114534-ATK-SKT-DR-0003 Rev B01  
SKM-DRG-BTS-UN60312-4002 Rev B  
SKM-DRG-BTS-UN60312-4003 Rev B

It is stated that flooding will occur from the drainage system at Bicester Station during storms in excess of the 1 in 30 year. It should be shown what volume of flooding will occur during the 1 in 100 year storm event with a 30% allowance for climate change, and where this will be safely managed on the site.

We also suggest a lower post development discharge rate is considered. Although the current proposal does offer some reduction in run-off, this is a good opportunity to provide significant benefit in an urban area by significantly reducing the amount of run-off from this brownfield site.



Yours sincerely

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