

COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

District: Cherwell

Application No: 19/00130/OUT (VAR)

Proposal: Variation of Condition 12 (drainage scheme) of 14/02156/OUT - Alternative drainage strategy

Location: Land South Of Cotefield Business Park Phase 2 Adj To Blossom Field Road Bodicote

Response date: 12th April 2019

This report sets out the officer views of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) on the above proposal. These are set out by individual service area/technical discipline and include details of any planning conditions or informatives that should be attached in the event that permission is granted and any obligations to be secured by way of a S106 agreement. Where considered appropriate, an overarching strategic commentary is also included. If the local County Council member has provided comments on the application these are provided as a separate attachment.

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Drainage

Recommendation:

Objection

Detailed Comments

The Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) object to this application as the new drainage strategy is not in line with National and Local guidance as defined in the Local Standards and Guidance for Surface Water Drainage on Major Development in Oxfordshire

The new strategy is no longer providing a sustainable drainage solution to deal with both water quantity and water quality and is no longer proposing any above ground drainage features which could have provided biodiversity benefits. The previous strategy provided these benefits with measures such as permeable paving, soakaways and infiltration basins.

The original proposal was based solely on infiltration. As this has been found to be unfeasible, the new strategy is proposing underground oversized pipes and attenuation tanks with a limited discharge into the public surface water sewer. This is not a sustainable drainage solution in line with current local and national guidance.

Tanked permeable paving and above ground attenuation where the infiltration basins were proposed previously could have been provided to manage water quality and maintain water quantity.

The LLFA cannot support the scheme until an adequate sustainable drainage scheme, in line with current local and national guidance has been provided.

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Date: 22 March 2019
