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Application No: 20241158

Location: Bowling Green , Church Walk, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2QU

Proposal: Application for the approval of condition 8 (Sustainable Surface Water Drainage Scheme and Infiltration) and condition 9 (Foul and Surface Water Sewerage Disposal) attached to planning reference number 20221328

Thank you for your consultation on the above referenced planning application.

Kent County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority have the following comments:

Having reviewed the recently available information in association with the above proposals there is a concern raised which requires addressing prior to us being able to recommend approval.

Whilst it is appreciated that the pre commencement condition report provided states that "In situ, soakaway tests were performed in trial pits TP1 and TP2. Based on soakaway test results, the infiltration technique is considered unsuitable for discharging surface water runoff from the proposed development to the ground.". In order to be able to confirm ourselves that the infiltration testing results did demonstrate that the use of infiltration is unfeasible we require to see the actual results of the in situ testing along with a location plan demonstrating where the tests were performed.

Until this matter has been addressed to our satisfaction we would suggest that a holding objection be put in place.

This response has been provided using the best knowledge and information submitted as part of the planning application at the time of responding and is reliant on the accuracy of that information.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Clarke
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