



Knowsley Council

**REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 25/00216/FUL

Name and address of applicant

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Date of Receipt: 31 March 2025

Date Valid: 21 May 2025

Address/Location Of Development:

**Former Garages, Marled Hey
Stockbridge Village
Knowsley**

Description of Development:

ERECTION OF 2NO. DETACHED BUNGALOWS

The Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley hereby give notice in pursuance of the above Act(s) that Planning Permission has been **granted** for the carrying out of the development referred to above in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to the following condition(s):

1. The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents: -
 - a. Boundary Treatment Plan - Rev P2 - (Received 18/06/2024)
 - b. Proposed Plans and Elevations Bungalow 1 - Rev P9 - (Received 17/06/2024)
 - c. Proposed Plans and Elevations Bungalow 2 - Rev P6 - (Received 17/06/2024)
 - d. Proposed Streetscene - Rev P8 - (Received 17/06/2024)
 - e. Proposed Site Plan - Rev P10 - (Received 17/06/2024)
 - f. Proposed Location Plan - Rev P9 - (Received 17/06/2024)

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt.

3. Prior to commencement of development a Biodiversity gain plan and Habitat Management and Monitoring plan (HMMP) for offsite habitats shall be submitted to and approved in writing by, the Local Planning authority. Works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and retained hereafter.

Within the Biodiversity Gain Plan developers need to provide their:

- completed metric tool calculation
- pre-development and post-development plans (showing the location of on-site habitat, the direction of north and drawn to an identified scale)

Developers must also provide:

- biodiversity net gain register reference numbers if they're using off-site units
- proof of purchase if they're buying statutory biodiversity credits

Reason: In order to meet Biodiversity Net Gain and to ensure compliance with NPPF 2024.

4. A Phase I site investigation shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to works commencing in order to establish whether there are any concerns of contamination from the current or previous use of the site or adjacent sites. This report shall include the results of a desk study, site walkover, and human health and environmental risk assessment.

If identified as necessary by the desk study a Phase 2 site investigation and remediation proposals shall be submitted for approval prior to works commencing.

A site completion report shall be submitted for written approval prior to occupation confirming that encountered site conditions were as expected and detailing any necessary remedial actions.

Reason: To protect human health from contamination risks in the interests of safety, to prevent pollution of the water environment and to comply with Policy ENV5 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted June 2006.

5. No part of the development hereby permitted shall be commenced until a construction management plan has been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority that details the means of mitigation of construction / demolition effects. This shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - Methods for the mitigation of noise and vibration from building works, including any piling works, and from the operation of any temporary power generation or pumping plant which will operate overnight.
 - Methods that can be put in place quickly, should odour control be required. (There is potential for odour from the historic use of the site, particularly when ground excavations take place).
 - Methods for dust control and suppression.
 - Details of wheel washing facilities including location and type.
 - The areas for the storage of plant and materials.
 - Location of site compound.
 - Details of relevant pest control measures that will be put in place during the construction phase.

All site works shall then proceed only in accordance with the approved management plan unless otherwise agreed in writing beforehand with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory development of the site and in the interests of protecting the amenity of neighbouring occupiers and to comply with saved Policies H5, and ENV2 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted June 2006 and Policy CS2 of the Core Strategy, adopted January 2016.

6. Development shall not commence until a detailed SUDS based drainage scheme based on the principles of the SUDS Manual (C753) and the criteria as set out within Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Nov 23) has been submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority (LPA). The applicant should provide suitable drainage drawings and summary calculations using the principles as set out in Flood Risk Assessment report (dated Oct 24). The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved scheme before the development is brought into use and retained hereafter.

Reason: In order to provide sustainable drainage for the site to prevent increased risk of flooding by ensuring the satisfactory storage of / disposal of surface water from the site and to comply with saved Policies CS2 and CS24 of the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy, adopted January 2016.

7. Prior to works above slab level, details of bird and bat boxes (including their number, location and detailed specification) shall have been submitted to and have been approved in writing by, the local planning authority. All works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details prior to occupation of any dwelling and shall be retained as such hereafter.

Reason: In order to secure bird and bat boxes on the site to improve biodiversity in accordance with policy CS8 in the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy (2016)

8. a) Ecology

Prior to the occupation of any dwellings, details of planting of hedgerow and an ecologically sensitive planting scheme shall have been submitted to and have been approved by, the local planning authority. All works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details in the next available planting season and retained as such hereafter.

b) Trees

Prior to occupation of any dwelling or within the first planting season, the trees shown on Proposed Site Plan (REV P10 received 17/06/2025) shall have been planted on site. The trees shall be 14-16cm girth native broadleaf.

Any tree or other planting which is lost, felled, removed, becomes diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced in kind during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

Reason: In order to improve biodiversity at the site and to ensure compliance with Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy policies CS19 & CS8 and saved Replacement UDP policy DQ4

9. No part of the development shall be brought into use until visibility splays of 2.4 metres by 25 metres, have been provided at the proposed (access). The splays shall be provided clear of obstructions to visibility above the height of 0.6 metres

measured from the footway/verge level. Once created, the visibility splays shall be maintained clear of any obstruction and shall be retained at all times.

Reason: To ensure adequate visibility at the junction or site access is made and maintained, and to comply with Policies CS19 & CS7 of the Core Strategy, adopted January 2016.

10. No demolition or construction work shall take place outside the hours of 08:00 - 18:00 hours Monday to Friday, 08:00- 13:00 hours Saturday and not at all on Sundays/Public Holidays.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory development of the site and in the interests of protecting the amenity of neighbouring occupiers and to comply with saved Policies H5, and ENV2 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted June 2006 and Policy CS2 of the Core Strategy, adopted January 2016.

11. The provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification) Schedule 2, Part 1 Class a) and Class e) or any amendments made to that Order, shall not apply to the dwellings approved (Shown on the Proposed Site Plan - Rev P10 - received 17/06/2025):

- no extensions shall be carried out to the dwelling(s)
- no outbuildings shall be erected.

unless planning permission for such development has been granted by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To protect the residential and visual amenities of the area, safeguard the character of this residential development and to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework; Policies CS2, CS7 and CS19 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy, adopted January 2016 and saved Policy H5 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted June 2006.

12. Terrestrial Mammals

The following reasonable avoidance measures should be put in place to ensure that there are no adverse effects on hedgehogs, amphibians and reptiles.:

Hedgehogs

- A pre-commencement check for hedgehog.
- All trenches and excavations should have a means of escape (e.g. a ramp);
- Any exposed open pipe systems should be capped to prevent mammals gaining access; and
- Appropriate storage of materials to ensure that mammals do not use them.

Amphibians and Reptiles

- Existing vegetation on the site will be gradually cut and removed under ecological supervision to encourage any amphibians / reptiles present to move away from the affected areas;
- The working area, together with any storage areas, will be kept clear of debris, and any stored materials will be kept off the ground on pallets so as to prevent amphibians / reptiles from seeking shelter or protection within them; and
- Any open excavations (e.g. foundations / footings / service trenches etc) will be covered with plywood sheeting (or similar) at the end of each working day. The

edges of these sheets will be covered with a thick layer of topsoil or similar) to prevent amphibians / reptiles from seeking shelter beneath them. Any excavation must be in-filled and made good to ground level with compacted stone or similar at the earliest opportunity, so as to remove any hazard to amphibians / reptiles.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity conservation, to protect existing wildlife on site and to comply with Policy CS8 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy, adopted January 2016.

13. Any fences installed on site shall have hedgehog highways (13cm x 13cm Gaps in the fences) to allow the free movement of hedgehogs. The gaps shall be installed prior to the erection of the fence and retained hereafter.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity conservation, to protect existing wildlife on site and to comply with Policy CS8 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy, adopted January 2016.

14. Fixed plant and machinery associated with the development shall be designed to a level that is at least 5dB(A) below the existing LA90 background noise level as measured during the relevant time period. Any tonal, impulsive and/or irregular noise would be addressed by imposing a penalty as per the methodology set out in BS 4142:2014+A1:2019, Methods for Rating and Assessing Industrial and Commercial Sound. Noise limits for fixed plant are to apply at a position 1 metre from the closest affected window of the nearest noise sensitive property in Marled Hey

Reason: To safeguard local residents from noise and disturbance, and to comply with Saved Policy ENV2 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan adopted June 2006.

REASON(S) FOR THE GRANTING OF PLANNING PERMISSION

The decision to grant planning permission has also been taken having regard to the policies and proposals as set out below, and to all relevant material considerations including supplementary planning guidance:-

CS2 - Development Principles

CS3 - Housing Supply, Delivery and Distribution

KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN: CORE STRATEGY

CS7 - Transport Networks

CS8 - Green Infrastructure

CS9 - Principal Regeneration Area - North Huyton and Stockbridge Village

CS17 - Housing Sizes and Design Standards

CS19 - Design Quality and Accessibility in New Development

CS21 - Greenspaces and Trees

CS22 - Sustainable and Low Carbon Development

CS24 - Managing Flood Risk

SAVED POLICIES - KNOWSLEY REPLACEMENT UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ADOPTED JUNE 2006)

H5 - Development within Primarily Residential Areas

DQ4 - Trees and Development

ENV5 - Contaminated Land

This informative is only intended as a summary of the reason(s) for the granting of planning permission. Should you require any further details relating to the decision please contact the relevant case officer (Andrew Hunt on 0151 443 2204)

ARTICLE 35 STATEMENT

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern within the application (as originally submitted) and negotiating with the applicant, acceptable amendments to the proposal to address those concerns. As a result, the Local Planning Authority has been able to grant planning permission for an acceptable proposal, in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

NOTE FOR APPLICANT:

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE NOTES BELOW AS FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD MAKE THE DEVELOPMENT HEREBY PERMITTED UNAUTHORISED

- 1) This planning permission is granted in strict accordance with the approved plans. It should be noted however that:
 - a) Any variation from the approved plans following commencement of the development, irrespective of the degree of variation, will constitute unauthorised development and may be liable to enforcement action.
 - b) You or your agent or any other person responsible for implementing this permission should inform Planning Services immediately of any proposed variation from the approved plans and ask to be advised as to the best method to resolve the matter. Most proposals for variation to the approved plans will require the submission of a new planning application.
- 2) This permission is granted subject to conditions, and it is the owner of the property and the person responsible for the implementation of the development who will be fully responsible for their compliance throughout the development and beyond.
- 3) If there is a condition that requires work to be carried out or details to be approved prior to the commencement of the development this is called a "condition precedent". The following should be noted with regards to conditions precedent.
 - a) If a condition precedent is not complied with prior to the start of development, the whole of the development will be unauthorised, and you may be liable to enforcement action.
 - b) In addition, if the requirements of a condition precedent are subsequently not complied with, the development is unauthorised and the only way to rectify the development is the submission of a new application.

If any other type of condition is breached, then you will be liable to a breach of condition notice.

Informatives

1. The applicant, their advisers and contractors should be made aware that if bats or great crested newt are found, then as a legal requirement, work must cease, and advice must be sought from a licensed specialist.
2. No development shall take place across the public highway that exists over part of the land before formal action has been finalised to extinguish the public highway to the satisfaction of the Council as Local Planning Authority. The applicant is advised that a Stopping Up Order must be obtained before any development is carried out on land forming part of the adopted highway. Early engagement with the Department for Transport is recommended to avoid delays. For advice and applications, the applicant should contact: Department for Transport Telephone: 0300 330 3000, Email: ntc.enquiries@dft.gov Further guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stopping-up-and-diversion-of-highways>
3. See attached letter from Merseyside Fire Authority
4. See attached letter from United Utilities

- 5 The applicant/developer is requested to contact the Council's Environmental Protection Unit (Tel: 0151 443 4712) as soon as is practicable should previously unsuspected contamination be encountered during the development of the site.



Executive Director - Regeneration and Economic Development

Date: 12 August 2025

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR YOUR ATTENTION:

- 1. This permission refers only to that required under the Town and Country Planning Acts and does not include any consent or approval under any other enactment, bylaw, order or regulation.**
- 2. This permission refers only to those plans submitted as part of the Planning Application a copy of which is retained by the Local Planning Authority. The Local Planning Authority should be contacted in writing if it is proposed to amend these plans in any way as a further permission, may be required.**
- 3. You should ensure that you understand the requirements of all planning conditions and that you fully comply with their requirements. If you are in any doubt about what a condition requires of you, please ask us for assistance. Planning conditions may require you to submit further information to us and await our approval before you can start your development. A failure to do so could result in your development being unlawful and necessitate the submission of a further planning application. A failure to comply with the conditions of the permission/consent may result in the taking of enforcement and potentially legal action, against you to remedy the breach of planning control.**
- 4. A fee is normally payable to discharge planning conditions in accordance with government regulations.**
- 5. This permission does not convey any rights or approval to build on, or develop, any land that is not fully owned or controlled by you, including on party boundaries. You should satisfy yourself that the agreement of any adjoining landowners has been given prior to commencing any building works.**
- 6. If a Building Regulations Consent is required for these works it is your responsibility to ensure that the plans submitted for both the Building Regulations Consent and Planning Permission are the same in all respects. Should the plans relating to one consent vary from the other, it will be necessary for you to submit amended plans to this Department and obtain the relevant approval(s) prior to commencing any works. Knowsley Council's Building Control team are contactable on (0151)-443 2342 and they would be pleased to assist you.**

Appeals to the Secretary of State

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- As this is a decision for a minor commercial application, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
- Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>.
If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

Knowsley Council
By email

Your ref: 25/00216/FUL
Our ref: DC/25/1408
Date: 20-JUN-25

Dear Planning Team

Location : Former Garages, Marled Hey Stockbridge Village Knowsley
Proposal : ERECTION OF 2NO. DETACHED BUNGALOWS

United Utilities provides the following comments to support the Local Planning Authority in their determination of the planning application detailed above, and to direct the applicant to further sources of support and guidance on matters that might impact their proposal.

The letter and Appendix should be read in their entirety to support the determination, the design, and should the scheme be approved, the subsequent delivery of the proposal.

DRAINAGE

Directed by the principles set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance 'hierarchy of drainage options' (Paragraph: 056 Reference ID: 7-056-20220825), we require developers and Local Planning Authorities, to do all that they can to avoid surface water entering the public sewer, unless absolutely necessary. This applies to all proposed development. See Appendix 1.1 'Surface Water Hierarchy'.

All options for the sustainable management of surface water must be thoroughly investigated before we will accept any surface water connections from new development to the public sewer. Where a new surface water connection to the public sewer is proposed, we will require robust evidence to demonstrate the drainage hierarchy has been fully investigated and there are no more sustainable options available for the management of surface water.

To discuss their drainage proposals the applicant should contact our **Developer Services** team by email at SewerAdoptions@uuplc.co.uk. Alternative ways to contact the team are detailed in the Appendix, Section 5.0 'Contacts'.

When considering their drainage proposal, it is the applicant's responsibility to investigate the existence of any infrastructure that might impact their detailed design. This includes water, wastewater, operational and/or abandoned pipelines. United Utilities will not routinely carry out this assessment when reviewing drainage proposals submitted within a planning application. Where infrastructure exists, the drainage design must comply with the relevant United Utilities

guidelines and/or Building Regulations. Further information is available on our website: [Working near our pipes - United Utilities](#). Failure to consider existing infrastructure when designing a drainage proposal may result in the applicant having to redesign proposals at a later date.

UNITED UTILITIES' PROPERTY, ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Water main

A water main crosses / is located in the vicinity of the site. It must not be built over, or our access to the pipeline compromised in any way. We require an access strip as detailed in our 'Standard Conditions for Works Adjacent to Pipelines', which can be found on our website: Working near our pipes - United Utilities. The applicant must comply with this document to ensure pipelines are adequately protected both during and after the construction period.

Public sewer

A public sewer crosses the site, and we will not permit building over it. We require an access strip for maintenance or replacement and this access must not be compromised in any way. The minimum distances that might be acceptable to United Utilities are detailed within Part H of the Building Regulations. However, we recommend the applicant determines the precise location, size, depth and condition of the pipeline as this is likely to influence the required stand-off distance from any structure.

It is the applicant's responsibility to investigate the existence of any pipelines that might cross or impact their proposed site and also to demonstrate the exact relationship between United Utilities' assets and the proposed development. The applicant should not rely solely on the detail contained within asset maps when considering a proposed layout.

It is important that the supporting information contained in the Appendix, Section 2.0 'United Utilities' Property, Assets and Infrastructure', is read in conjunction with this letter. This provides information that might impact a proposed layout and additional guidance that an applicant or developer must consider when United Utilities assets are located in, or in the locality of, the proposed site.

Where United Utilities' assets exist, it is essential that the applicant, or any subsequent developer, contacts our Developer Services team prior to commencing any works on site, including trial holes, groundworks or demolition. See Appendix, Section 5.0 'Contacts'.

WATER EFFICIENCY IN NEW DEVELOPMENT

All new homes are required to meet the mandatory national standard of 125 litres of water used per person per day (l/p/d) as set out in Building Regulations Approved Document G. If your adopted development plan includes a policy that implements the tighter water efficiency standard of 110 l/p/d for new-build dwellings in Part 3 of Building Regulations, you should ensure that this is a condition of any planning permission you may grant. You should also consider whether there is any adopted development plan policy relating to a water efficiency in the construction of non-residential development. As this is a matter for the local planning authority

/ building control body, United Utilities would not be involved in the discharge of conditions relating to water efficiency.

We request that a copy of this letter and the Appendix is made available to the applicant.

Yours faithfully

United Utilities' Planning Team

APPENDIX:
Supporting information for the decision maker, applicant, developers and any other interested party

Whilst we provide the following information to support the design and delivery of the proposed scheme, we strongly recommend that the applicant, or any subsequent developer, contacts our Developer Services team or visits our website for more detailed advice on any aspects of United Utilities' assets and services that might impact their proposal. Full contact details can be found in Section 5.0 'Contacts' (below).

1.0 DRAINAGE DESIGN

Surface water (rainwater) flows are very large when compared with foul water flows that come from toilets, showers, washing machines, etc. It is usually surface water flows that increase the risk of sewer flooding, potentially impacting homes and businesses, and can result in unwanted spills from storm overflows into watercourses.

We have embarked on an ambitious investment programme to improve the performance of our wastewater network, particularly relating to the management of surface water. Our focus is to reduce the risk of sewer flooding and the prevention, frequency and intensity of spills from storm overflows, ultimately moving to a position where they are no longer necessary. As we work hard to improve the existing wastewater network, it is important that we do not compromise the results by accepting any unnecessary new surface water connections and that we take all opportunities for the removal of existing flows.

1.1 Surface water hierarchy

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) advise that surface water from new developments is discharged according to the following hierarchy of drainage options:

1. into the ground (infiltration);
2. to a surface water body;
3. to a surface water sewer, highway drain, or another drainage system;
4. to a combined sewer.

The applicant must consider their drainage plans in accordance with the drainage hierarchy outlined above.

United Utilities will only accept new surface water connections to the public sewer in circumstances where the applicant has provided robust evidence that the drainage hierarchy has been fully investigated and more sustainable options for the management of surface water have been proven to be unfeasible.

Surface water connections, particularly to the combined sewer, should only be considered as the last resort.

1.2 Adoption and construction of drainage systems

If the applicant intends to offer wastewater assets forward for adoption by United Utilities, their proposed detailed design will be subject to a technical appraisal by our Developer Services team and must meet the requirements outlined in 'Sewerage Sector Guidance Appendix C – Design and Construction Guidance v2-2' dated 29 June 2022 or any subsequent iteration. This is important as drainage design can be a key determining factor of site levels and layout.

If the proposal incorporates a SuDS component(s) which interacts with a sewer network that may be offered for adoption by United Utilities, we recommend the applicant seeks further advice regarding the SuDS design; detailed information is available on our website.

Our acceptance of any drainage strategy submitted by an applicant to the Local Planning Authority for approval does not infer that a detailed drainage design will meet the requirements for a successful adoption application. We strongly recommend that no construction commences until the detailed drainage design has been submitted directly to United Utilities, assessed and accepted in writing. Any work carried out prior to the technical assessment being approved is done entirely at the developer's own risk and could be subject to change.

2.0 PLANNING CONDITIONS; OUR APPROACH TO DRAINAGE CONDITIONS

When appropriate, United Utilities will request planning conditions relating to site drainage. This is important to ensure the delivery of quality drainage design for both new and existing customers. There is also a particular focus on the sustainable management of surface water thorough investigation of the drainage hierarchy which is critical in the management of flood risk and to reduce the frequency and intensity of spills from storm overflows, which is a shared priority for both United Utilities and the customers and communities that we serve.

2.1 Drainage design

In scenarios where **all** relevant information regarding drainage design is available; the design is acceptable and all opportunities for the sustainable management of surface water have been fully investigated, we will usually request a compliance condition to enable the delivery of the proposed design. If **any** relevant information is missing, or where there is insufficient evidence to demonstrate that the drainage hierarchy has been fully investigated, we will request a pre-commencement condition to ensure that all aspects of drainage design are fully considered before any work begins on site.

2.2 Management and maintenance of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)

The Local Authority should consider a SuDS management and maintenance condition for any scheme where SuDS is included within the proposal. An example condition is below that may be suitable in many circumstances.

Prior to occupation of the development a sustainable drainage management and maintenance plan for the lifetime of the development shall be submitted to the local planning authority and

agreed in writing. The sustainable drainage management and maintenance plan shall include as a minimum:

- (i) Arrangements for adoption by an appropriate public body or statutory undertaker, or, management and maintenance by a resident's management company; and*
- (ii) Arrangements for inspection and ongoing maintenance of all elements of the sustainable drainage system to secure the operation of the surface water drainage scheme throughout its lifetime.*

The development shall subsequently be completed, maintained and managed in accordance with the approved plan.

Reason: To ensure that management arrangements are in place for the sustainable drainage system in order to manage the risk of flooding and pollution during the lifetime of the development.

It is important to note that United Utilities cannot provide comment on an asset that is owned by a third-party management and maintenance company and therefore, would not be involved in any application to discharge a condition relating to SuDS management and maintenance.

3.0 UNITED UTILITIES' PROPERTY, ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

3.1 Water pipelines

United Utilities will not allow building over or in close proximity to a water main.

For any works in the vicinity of water pipelines, including drainage, the applicant must comply with our 'Standard Conditions for Works Adjacent to Pipelines', which can be found on our website: [Working near our pipes - United Utilities](#)

3.2 Wastewater pipelines

United Utilities will not allow any new buildings or structures to be erected over or in close proximity to a public sewer or any other wastewater pipeline. This will only be reviewed in exceptional circumstances.

Nb. Proposals to extend domestic properties either above, or in close proximity to a public sewer will be reviewed on a case by case basis by either by a building control professional or following a direct application to United Utilities (see our website for further details).

3.3 Water and wastewater pipelines and apparatus

A number of providers offer a paid for mapping service, including United Utilities. Alternatively, the plans can be viewed for free. See Section 5.0 'Contacts' for further details.

The position of underground apparatus shown on water and wastewater asset maps is approximate only and is given in accordance with the best information currently available. The actual positions may be different from those shown on the plans and private pipes, sewers or drains may not be recorded. We strongly recommend the applicant, or any future developer,

does not rely solely on the asset maps to inform decisions relating to the detail of their site and instead investigates the precise location of any underground pipelines and apparatus.

Where additional information is requested to enable an assessment of the proximity of proposed development features to United Utilities assets, the proven location of pipelines should be confirmed by site survey; an extract of asset maps will not suffice. The applicant should seek advice from our Developer Services team on this matter. See Section 5.0. 'Contacts' (below). United Utilities Water PLC will not accept liability for any loss or damage caused by the actual position of our assets and infrastructure being different from those shown on asset maps.

Developers should investigate the existence and the precise location of water and wastewater pipelines as soon as possible as this could significantly impact the preferred site layout and/or diversion of the asset(s) may be required. Unless there is specific provision within the title of the property or an associated easement, any necessary disconnection or diversion of assets to accommodate development, will be at the applicant/developer's expense. In some circumstances, usually related to the size and nature of the assets impacted by proposals, developers may discover the cost of diversion is prohibitive in the context of their development scheme.

Any agreement to divert our underground assets will be subject to a diversion application, made directly to United Utilities. This is a separate matter to the determination of a planning application. We will not guarantee, or infer acceptance of, a proposed diversion through the planning process (where diversion is indicated on submitted plans). In the event that an application to divert or abandon underground assets is submitted to United Utilities and subsequently rejected (either before or after the determination of a planning application), applicants should be aware that they may need to amend their proposed layout to accommodate United Utilities' assets.

Where United Utilities' assets exist, the level of cover to United Utilities pipelines and apparatus must not be compromised either during or after construction and there should be no additional load bearing capacity on pipelines without prior agreement from United Utilities. This would include sustainable drainage features, earth movement and the transport and position of construction equipment and vehicles.

Any construction activities in the vicinity of United Utilities' assets, including any assets or infrastructure that may be located outside the applicant's red line boundary, must comply with national building and construction standards and where applicable, our 'Standard Conditions for Works Adjacent to Pipelines', which can be found on our website: [Working near our pipes - United Utilities](#).

The applicant, and/or any subsequent developer should note that our 'Standard Conditions' guidance applies to any design and construction activities in close proximity to pipelines and apparatus that are no longer in service, as well as pipelines and apparatus that are currently in operation. This advice is also relevant to any uncharted pipelines (pipelines that do not appear on our asset maps) that might be discovered on site either before or during construction. In this instance, the developer should contact our Developer Services team as soon as possible. See Section 5.0 'Contacts'.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that United Utilities' required access is provided within any proposed layout and that our infrastructure is appropriately protected. The developer would be liable for the cost of any damage to United Utilities' assets resulting from their activity.

4.0 WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES, METERING AND CHARGES

If the applicant intends to receive water and/or wastewater services from United Utilities they should visit our website or contact the Developer Services team for advice at the earliest opportunity. This includes seeking confirmation of the required metering arrangements for the proposed development. See Section 5.0 'Contacts' (below).

If the proposed development site benefits from existing water and wastewater connections, the applicant should not assume that the connection(s) will be suitable for the new proposal or that any existing metering arrangements will suffice. In addition, if reinforcement of the water network is required to meet potential demand, this could be a significant project and the design and construction period should be accounted for.

In some circumstances a water meter must be installed to premises. Detailed guidance on whether the development will require a compulsory meter is available on our website within our published Charges Schemes; [Our household charges 2025/2026 | United Utilities](#) (Section 8.7).

To avoid any unnecessary costs and delays being incurred by the applicant or any subsequent developer, we strongly recommend the applicant seeks advice regarding water and wastewater services and metering arrangements, at the earliest opportunity. See Section 5.0 'Contacts'.

To promote sustainable development United Utilities offers a reduction in infrastructure charges to applicant's delivering water efficient homes and draining surface water sustainably (criteria applies). Further information can be found on our website: [Sustainability - United Utilities](#)

Business customers can find additional information on our sustainable drainage incentive scheme at [Incentive schemes | United Utilities](#)

5.0 CONTACTS

Contact our **DEVELOPER SERVICES** team as follows:

Website (including 'Live Chat'): [Building & Developing - United Utilities](#)

Email:

WATER (water mains, supply and metering): DeveloperServicesWater@uuplc.co.uk

WASTEWATER (public sewers and drainage): SewerAdoptions@uuplc.co.uk

SLUDGE PIPELINES: DeveloperServicesWater@uuplc.co.uk

Telephone (Monday-Friday, 8am-6pm): **0345 072 6067**

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION ZONES:

Where the proposed site is located in a Groundwater Source Protection Zone, the applicant should contact our Engineering team for advice, by email at Groundwater@uuplc.co.uk

PROPERTY SEARCHES (FOR ASSET MAPS):

The public water and sewer records can be viewed via our online viewing facility for free. Viewings are by appointment only. Email propertysearches@uuplc.co.uk or call **0370 751 0101** to book an appointment.

Alternatively, a number of providers offer a paid for mapping service including United Utilities. For more information, or to purchase a sewer and water plan from United Utilities, please visit [Property Searches | United Utilities](#)

UNITED UTILITIES LEGAL SERVICES (FOR EASEMENT DOCUMENTS):

Copies of relevant deeds may be purchased from United Utilities Legal Services. This information is also available from Land Registry.

To purchase a copy of easement documents from United Utilities, please email: LegalServices@uuplc.co.uk

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Your ref: 25/00216/FUL

Our ref:00499868/1321989/DS/LD

Date:12th June 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER REF: 25/00216/FUL
PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF 2NO. DETACHED BUNGALOWS
ADDRESS: Former Garages Marled Hey Stockbridge Village Knowsley

The Fire Authority requests that any decision notice includes the following information.

The plans relating to the above application have been examined and below are the Fire Authority's observations:

Access for Fire Fighting

- Access for fire appliances should comply with the requirements of Section B5, Schedule 1 of the Building Regulations. Provisions for access will depend on the size and use of the building. The design of the access route, for example minimum road widths and maximum reversing distances, should also be considered (Appendix A, attached).
- In accordance with Section 55 of the County of Merseyside Act 1980, the position of the premises should not compromise or impede existing means of fire service access to a neighbouring building.

Water Provision

- Water supplies for firefighting purposes should be risk assessed in accordance with the undermentioned guidance in liaison with the water undertakers (United Utilities - 0161 907 7351) with suitable and sufficient fire hydrants supplied.
- Consideration should be given to the recommendations within the 'National guidance document on the provision of water for firefighting', produced by the Local Government Association and Water UK, available for free download via: <https://www.water.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/national-guidance-document-on-water-for-ffg-final.pdf>

Further information regarding access requirements can be found in the current version of Approved Document B, which is available for free download via:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-safety-approved-document-b>

Should you require any further information in respect of this correspondence please contact the Officer named above.

Yours faithfully

David Shawcroft

Authorised Fire Safety Inspecting Officer
And on behalf of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

Appendix A - Access and Facilities for the Fire Service as given in Section B5 of Approved Document B

Domestic Dwellings

For dwelling houses, access for a pumping appliance should be provided to within 45m of all points inside the dwelling house.

For flats, either: access for a pumping appliance should be provided to within 45m of all points inside each flat of a block, measured along the route of the hose; or fire mains should be provided.

Commercial Buildings

Small buildings (up to 2000m², with a top occupied storey a maximum of 11m above ground level), require access for a pump appliance to 15% of the perimeter, or within 45m of every point of the footprint of the building, whichever is the less onerous.

Larger buildings will require access to a percentage of the perimeter that increases incrementally with size of the total floor area and height of building – please see details in Approved Document B Volume 2 Section 15.

Elevations to which vehicle access is provided will require a door, to give access into the building. The maximum distance between doors, or between a door and the end of the elevation, is 60m (i.e. a 150m elevation would need a minimum of two doors).

All Buildings

Access routes and hardstanding should comply with Table 13.1 ADB Volume 1 / Table 15.2 ADB Volume 2. Please note: MFRS appliances are 17 tonnes (pump) and 26 tonnes (high reach).

Dead-end access routes longer than 20m require turning facilities (e.g. a turning circle or hammer head, or other turning point).

Where fire mains are fitted, access should be provided for a pumping appliance to within 18m of each fire main inlet connection point. Inlets should be on the face of the building and visible from the parking position of the appliance. The run of horizontal internal connecting pipe should be a maximum of 18m in length.

Buildings with a storey more than 18m above the fire service vehicle access level, or a basement more than 10m below, should have one or more firefighting shafts containing fire-fighting lifts and fire mains (a minimum of two fire-fighting shafts will be required for buildings with a floor area of 900 m² or more).

Buildings in the 'shop and commercial', 'assembly and recreation' or 'industrial' purpose groups (Groups 4, 5, or 6), with a storey area of 900m² or more and a storey height of 7.5m or more above fire service vehicle access level will require at least two firefighting shafts (firefighting lifts may not be needed).

Entry to a firefighting shaft at fire service access level should be available either directly from the open air or by way of a protected corridor not exceeding 18m in length. The corridor is deemed to be part of the firefighting shaft, and any access to it from the accommodation should be by way of protected lobbies.

Hydrants

Where a building has a compartment with an area of more than 280m² and is being erected more than 100m from an existing fire hydrant, additional hydrants are required as follows:

Buildings with fire main – hydrant within 90m of dry fire main inlet;

Buildings without fire main – hydrant within 90m of an entrance to the building; and a maximum of 90m apart.