

100.23083 – DS Planning Response

United Utilities and LLFA
Via Planning Portal

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For the attention of: United Utilities Planning, Landscape and Ecology Team & LLFA
Knowsley Council

Dear both

RE: Planning application 23/02782/FUL

The below is in response to correspondence received in response to the planning application 23/02782/FUL. Both the LLFA and UU have provided consultee responses for both the initial and resubmitted applications.

LLFA response dated the 29th of May 2024 notes that the existing network should be modelled, and evidence provided of this. The response also states that for brownfield sites, Knowsley Council typically accept a betterment of 50%. However, though consultation with United Utilities this is to be improved upon, and 80% betterment is to be provided by the scheme.

This is supported by the United Utilities response to the original planning application (DC/23/4123v4 Date 8th October 2024).

The above responses by United Utilities and the LLFA quote three figures for the scheme: Area 1 = 15.24 l/s, Area 2 = 28.1 l/s, Area 4 = 23.1 l/s. These areas are in reference to those quoted in the Drainage Strategy as part of the original application.

Following changes to the layout, the scheme has been resubmitted into planning in December 2024, this application was supported by the FRA and Drainage Strategy as described in report 100.23083-ACE-ZZ-ZZ-RP-C-0001 Revision P3, dated 20th November 2024. Section 6.0 of this reported outlines that the existing system has been modelled using industry standard software InfoDrainage, as requested by the LLFA in May 2024. A 50% betterment has been proposed. The revised layout breaks the scheme up into an increased number of sub-catchments.

The revised planning application has received further consultee responses from the UU and the LLFA on the 14th of January and the 5th of February respectively. Both of which note the restrictions should be proposed as per their respective earlier correspondence.

However, as noted above the scheme has changed and the existing drainage layout is better understood. To that end when combining the existing discharge from the developed section of the site the total flow from the site is 348.2l/s, when comparing this with the restrictions given in both the UU and LLFA comments, this equates to 81% betterment.

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Although, inline with the overall desired flow restriction from the development i.e. provide a 80% betterment, the areas noted in the current conditions are overly restrictive on areas of the site, namely the section discharging into Wilson Rd.

Due to a desire of the scheme to achieve a March planning committee, can the recommended conditions of both the LLFA and UU be revised to state the betterment that is to be provided rather than specific flow rates, evidence of which could be provided either prior to development or occupation?

This proposal was questioned by Adept in an email directly to the LLFA on the 19th of June 2024, no response was received.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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