

BML Response to United Utilities Comments

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The United Utilities (UU) team has issued a letter dated 5th August 2025 outlining their comments/queries related to the application of discharge condition 3 (flood risk) pertaining to the planning permission 23/02704/FUL.

UU Technical Queries and BML Responses:

United Utilities recommends that Condition 3 is not discharged until the drainage solution includes sufficient reference to a Ground Investigation detailing the ground conditions on site. This must include confirmation whether drainage excavations will expose the underlying sandstone aquifer. If the information indicates that drainage excavations may cause disturbance of the aquifer, we would be minded to request the applicant submits a risk assessment to the Environment Agency, as groundwater regulator, to show that disturbance caused by the drainage solution will not create potential contamination pathways, that may negatively impact groundwater quality.

BML Response:

A detailed ground investigation (GI) has been carried out by SP Associates in December 2019 (attached). Based upon the findings of the boreholes, the Chester Formation sandstone aquifer lies at a depth of between 3m and 4m. The proposed drainage excavations do not go deeper than 3m and therefore will not disturb the sandstone aquifer. Please see the attached GI report for reference.