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Your ref: 3/2015/0972 Our ref: DC/15/3766 Date: 21-DEC-15

Dear Sir/Madam,

Location: Haydock Nursing Home, Pleckgate RD, Ramsgreave

Proposal: proposed 10bed two storey extension to existing care home

With reference to the above planning application, United Utilities wishes to draw attention to the following as a means to facilitate sustainable development within the region.

## **Drainage Comments**

In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and Building Regulations, the site should be drained on a separate system with foul water draining to the public sewer and surface water draining in the most sustainable way.

Building Regulations H3 clearly outlines the hierarchy to be investigated by the developer when considering a surface water drainage strategy. We would ask the developer to consider the following drainage options in the following order of priority:

- a) an adequate soak away or some other adequate infiltration system, (approval must be obtained from local authority/building control/Environment Agency); or, where that is not reasonably practical
- b) a watercourse (approval must be obtained from the riparian owner/land drainage authority/Environment Agency); or, where that is not reasonably practicable
- c) a sewer (approval must be obtained from United Utilities)

To reduce the volume of surface water draining from the site we would promote the use of permeable paving on all driveways and other hard-standing areas including footpaths and parking areas.

## **Drainage Conditions**

United Utilities will have no objection to the proposal and therefore request no conditions are attached to any approval.

Any further information regarding Developer Services and Planning please visit our website at <a href="http://www.unitedutilities.com/builders-developers.aspx">http://www.unitedutilities.com/builders-developers.aspx</a>.

## **Water Comments**

According to our records there is a 15ft easement (F3300 F3290 dated 14/05/1964) protecting a water main that runs through the proposed development site. Under no circumstances should anything be erected, planted or stored over the easement width, nor should anything occur that may affect the integrity of the pipe or United Utilities legal right to 24hr access.

A water main/trunk main crosses the site. As we need access for operating and maintaining it, we will not permit development in close proximity to the main.

You will need an access strip of no less than 10 metres, measuring at least 5 metres either side of the centre line of the pipe.

The applicant must comply with our standard conditions, a copy of which is enclosed, for work carried out on, or when crossing aqueducts and easements.

This should be taken into account in the final site layout, or a diversion will be necessary, which will be at the applicant's expense.

Any necessary disconnection or diversion required as a result of any development will be carried out at the developer's expense. Under the Water Industry Act 1991, Sections 158 & 159, we have the right to inspect, maintain, adjust, repair or alter our mains. This includes carrying out any works incidental to any of those purposes. Service pipes are not our property and we have no record of them.

We can readily supply water for domestic purposes, but for larger quantities for example, commercial/industrial we will need further information.

A separate metered supply to each unit will be required at the applicant's expense and all internal pipe work must comply with current water supply (water fittings) regulations 1999.

Should this planning application be approved, the applicant should contact United Utilities on 0345 672 3723 regarding connection to the water mains or public sewers.

## **General comments**

It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate the exact relationship between any United Utilities' assets and the proposed development. United Utilities offer a fully supported mapping service and we recommend the applicant contact our Property Searches Team on 0370 751 0101 to obtain maps of the site.

Due to the public sewer transfer, not all sewers are currently shown on the statutory sewer records, if a sewer is discovered during construction; please contact a Building Control Body to discuss the matter further.

Yours faithfully

Tracy Churchman
United Utilities
Developer Services and Planning