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Your ref: 3/2018/0511
Our ref: DC/18/2656
Date: 02-JUL-18

Dear Sir/Madam,

Location: Land adjacent to 17 Brookes Lane Whalley BB7 9RG
Proposal: Erection of three dwellings (revised proposal following planning permissions 3/2016/0771 and 3/2015/

With reference to the above planning application,

According to our records there is an easement crossing the proposed development site which is in addition to our statutory rights for inspection, maintenance and repair. The easement dated 09/09/1936 UU Ref: 40/00278/1 has restrictive covenants that must be adhered to. It the responsibility of the developer to obtain a copy of the document, available from United Utilities Legal Services or Land Registry and to comply with the provisions stated within the document. Under no circumstances should anything be stored, planted or erected on the easement width. Nor should anything occur that may affect the integrity of the pipe or United Utilities legal right to 24 hour access.

United Utilities wishes to draw attention to the following as a means to facilitate sustainable development within the region;

Drainage Comments

United Utilities can confirm that the drainage strategy is in line with United Utilities requirements.

In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG), 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. The NPPG clearly outlines the hierarchy to be investigated by the developer when considering a surface water drainage strategy. We would ask the applicant to consider the following drainage options in the following order of priority:

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.

We recommend the applicant implements the scheme in accordance with the surface water drainage hierarchy outlined above. In line with these comments, we recommend the following condition is attached to any approval notice.

Recommended Condition

Foul and surface water shall be drained on separate systems. Surface water shall be drained in accordance with the hierarchy of drainage options in national planning practice guidance. In the event of surface water discharging to public sewer, the rate of discharge shall be restricted to the lowest possible rate which shall be agreed with the statutory undertaker prior to connection to the public sewer.

Reason: To secure proper drainage and to manage the risk of flooding and pollution.

Note for the applicant: In the event of this application being approved and the above condition included in any subsequent Decision Notice, United Utilities will not provide formal comment on this condition through the Local Authority planning process. If the applicant intends to connect to the public sewer system, discharge rates will instead be reviewed as part of our standard S106 sewer connection process which relates to new connections to the public sewer. For brownfield sites, we wish to target a reduction in accordance with national standards on sustainable drainage which seek to reduce run-off to greenfield rates. Our minimum expectation on a brownfield site will be a 50% reduction in the rate of discharge. In demonstrating the required reduction in discharge rates, full details and associated evidence of existing drainage connections from the site shall be submitted to justify the proposed reduction.

If the applicant intends to offer wastewater assets forward for adoption by United Utilities, the proposed detailed design will be subject to a technical appraisal by an Adoptions Engineer as we need to be sure that the proposal meets the requirements of Sewers for Adoption and United Utilities' Asset Standards. The detailed layout should be prepared with consideration of what is necessary to secure a development to an adoptable standard. This is important as drainage design can be a key determining factor of site levels and layout. The proposed design should give consideration to long term operability and give United Utilities a cost effective proposal for the life of the assets. Therefore, should this application be approved and the applicant wishes to progress a S104 agreement, we strongly recommend that no construction commences until the detailed drainage design, submitted as part of the S104 agreement, has been assessed and accepted in writing by United Utilities. Any works carried out prior to the technical assessment being approved are done entirely at the developers own risk and could be subject to change.

Details of both our S106 sewer connections and S104 sewer adoptions processes (including application forms) can be found on our website <http://www.unitedutilities.com/builders-developers.aspx>

Please note we are not responsible for advising on rates of discharge to the local watercourse system. This is a matter for you to discuss with the Lead Local Flood Authority and / or the Environment Agency if the watercourse is classified as main river.

Water Comments

A water main crosses the site. As we need access for operating and maintaining it, we will not permit development over or in close proximity to the main. You will need an access strip as detailed in our Standard Conditions for Works Adjacent to Pipelines, a copy of which is enclosed.

The applicant must comply with our 'Standard Conditions' document. This should be taken into account in the final site layout, or a diversion may be necessary. Unless there is specific provision within the title of the property or an associated easement, any necessary disconnection or diversion required as a result of any development will be at the applicant's expense. If considering a water mains diversion, the applicant should contact United Utilities at their earliest opportunity as they may find that the cost of mains diversion is prohibitive in the context of their development scheme.

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.

Both during and post construction, there should be no additional load bearing capacity on the main without prior agreement from United Utilities. This would include earth movement and the transport and position of construction equipment and vehicles.

If the applicant intends to obtain a water supply from United Utilities for the proposed development, we strongly recommend they engage with us at the earliest opportunity. If reinforcement of the water network is required to meet the demand, this could be a significant project which should be accounted for in the project timeline for design and construction.

To discuss a potential water supply or any of the water comments detailed above, the applicant can contact the team at DeveloperServicesWater@uuplc.co.uk.

Alternatively, the applicant can visit our website to find further information and relevant application forms <http://www.unitedutilities.com/builders-developers.aspx>

Please note, all internal pipework must comply with current Water Supply (water fittings) Regulations 1999.

General comments

Where United Utilities' assets exist, the level of cover to the water mains and public sewers must not be compromised either during or after construction.

It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate the exact relationship between any United Utilities' assets and the proposed development.

A number of providers offer a paid for mapping service including United Utilities. To find out how to purchase a sewer and water plan from United Utilities, please visit the Property Searches website; <https://www.unitedutilities.com/property-searches/>. You can also view the plans for free. To make an appointment to view our sewer records at your local authority please contact them direct, alternatively if you wish to view the water and the sewer records at our Lingley Mere offices based in Warrington please ring [0370 751 0101](tel:03707510101) to book an appointment.

Due to the public sewer transfer in 2011, not all sewers are currently shown on the statutory sewer records and we do not always show private pipes on our plans. If a sewer is discovered during construction; please contact a Building Control Body to discuss the matter further.

For any further information regarding Developer Services and Planning, please visit our website at <http://www.unitedutilities.com/builders-developers.aspx>

Yours faithfully

Tracy Churchman
United Utilities
Developer Services and Planning