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John Macholc
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Dear John

**Planning reference 3/2018/0081: Chapel Hill Trading Estate, Chapel Hill, Longridge, PR3 3BU
– Discharge of drainage condition**

With reference to the letter from United Utilities dated 9th May 2022.

United Utilities has stated that the proposed drainage plans are not acceptable to United Utilities as they have not seen robust evidence that the drainage hierarchy has been thoroughly investigated and the proposals are not in line with the Non-Statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems. In addition they state that the sewers within Chapel Hill are dedicated foul sewers only and they cannot accept surface water to this sewer.

The drainage strategy in support of the application ruled out the use of soakaways within the site as trial holes have previously been excavated within the adjacent site and the soils found comprised clays that did not allow any infiltration, thus discounting the use of soakaways as a method of drainage.

United Utilities within their letter advise of a watercourse to the east of the site. We have not found any evidence of a watercourse on Ordnance Survey mapping or on United Utilities sewer records. Neither have we found the presence of a watercourse been identified on earlier planning approvals within the local area.

Surface water drainage from the established site connects to the public sewer that lies within Chapel Hill. This has previously been demonstrated to United Utilities by carrying out surveys and dye testing confirming that the private surface water drainage within the site connects to the public sewer that lies within Chapel Hill. Most recently for the planning application to discharge Condition 4 on planning approval 3/2019/0573.

We therefore trust that United Utilities are able to accept the drainage principles as set out within the drainage strategy accompanying the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

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