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Ribble Valley Borough Council
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Dear Planning Team

Planning reference: 3/2024/0996

Location : 98 Ribchester Road and land adjacent 94 Ribchester Road, Clayton-Le-Dale, BB1 9HQ

Proposal : Approval of details reserved by conditions 9 (SW drainage), 12 (drainage scheme)

I refer to the letter from United Utilities dated 6th January 2025 in which United Utilities recommended that Conditions 9 and 12 relating to drainage of the proposed development are not discharged due to the following reasons, for which further clarity is needed.

- It is unclear how the connection is being made with the public wastewater network.
- The sewer shown on our records is being assumed to be a combined sewer. It is shown as a foul only sewer.

The proposal is for a replacement single detached dwelling following demolition of the existing dwelling no. 98 Ribchester Road.

A survey has been carried out of the existing drainage within the development site that currently serves the dwellings no's 94 and 98 Ribchester Road. The survey has proved that the private drainage system within the existing site is a combined drainage system that collects foul water discharges and surface water runoff from the roofs of the existing dwellings and discharges via an existing connection into the 225mm diameter public sewer that lies within Ribchester Road.

At the completion of the development the internal site combined drainage system serving no. 94 Ribchester Road will remain untouched thus still collecting foul water discharges and surface water runoff from its roofs and making a discharge into the 225mm diameter public sewer that lies within Ribchester Road via an existing connection.

Foul water from the proposed dwelling will discharge into the existing site drainage system that will continue to serve no. 94 Ribchester Road and into the 225mm diameter public sewer that lies within Ribchester Road via the existing connection.

Surface water from the roof of the proposed dwelling will be restricted to 2.0 l/s with attenuation storage provided within the site and discharged into an existing manhole on the internal site combined drainage system that lies within the site boundary.

The private drive is to comprise a gravel surface finish allowing surface water runoff to pass into the construction matrix or to run off at its edges where it will either infiltrate into the upper soil layers, evaporate or be taken up by the vegetation, thus dealing with the surface water at source.

We trust the above clarifies the points raised by United Utilities and therefore ask United Utilities to recommend that Conditions 9 and 12 relating to drainage be discharged.

Yours sincerely,

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