

Contact: Please contact the Local
Planning Authority

Date: 05 January 2026

Dear Local Planning Authority,

Thank you for inviting the Lead Local Flood Authority to comment on the below application.

PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application Number:	3/2025/0994
Proposal:	Approval of details reserved by conditions 7 (SW sustainable drainage strategy), 11 (land contamination investigation) and 15 (landscaping scheme) of planning permission 3/2025/0489.
Location:	BAE Systems Samlesbury Aerodrome Myerscough Smithy Road Balderstone BB2 7LF

The Lead Local Flood Authority is a statutory consultee for major developments with surface water drainage, under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. It is in this capacity this response is compiled.

Comments provided in this representation are advisory and it is the decision of the Local Planning Authority whether any such recommendations are acted upon. The comments given have been composed based on the extent of the knowledge of the Lead Local Flood Authority and information provided with the application at the time of this response.

Lead Local Flood Authority Position

The Lead Local Flood Authority is able to **recommend the discharge of condition 7** on planning decision 3/2025/0489.

Lead Local Flood Authority - Site-Specific Advice

The following advice is provided to inform the applicant and the Local Planning Authority of our expectations:

For the avoidance of doubt, the drainage calculations currently show discharge rates in excess of the proposed final discharge rate, this should be addressed by the applicant,

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especially given the proposals for a hydrobrake to control the rate and the use of a non-return valve.

New Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems

We note that the principle of development was agreed prior to the new Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems which were published on the 19 June 2025. Whilst the development proposed by the applicant was considered appropriate at the time, the applicant is encouraged to apply the new Standards to the design of the development, wherever possible.

If the applicant wishes to discuss any aspects of this response with the Lead Local Flood Authority, they can do so through our [planning advice service](#).

Lead Local Flood Authority – General Advice

The Lead Local Flood Authority's general advice is provided through the [Lancashire SuDS Pro-forma and accompanying guidance](#). All applications for major development are expected to follow this guidance and submit a completed SuDS pro-forma.

What this response DOES NOT cover

This response does not cover highway drainage, matters pertaining to highway adoption (s38 Highways Act 1980) and/or off-site highway works (s278 Highways Act 1980). Should the applicant intend to install any sustainable drainage systems under or within close proximity to a public road network (existing or proposed), then they would need to separately discuss the use and suitability of those systems with the relevant highway authority.

The applicant is encouraged to discuss the suitability of any overland flow routes and/or flood water exceedance with the relevant highway authority should they have the potential to impact the public highway network and/or public highway drainage infrastructure (either existing or proposed).

Material Changes or Additional Information to this Planning Application

If there are any material changes to the submitted information or additional information provided after this Lead Local Flood Authority response to the Local Planning Authority which impact surface water, the Local Planning Authority is advised to re-consult the Lead Local Flood Authority. Please be aware this will be classed as a re-consultation with a full 21-day response time. Re-consultations should be sent to our identified mailbox.

Please note that should the Local Planning Authority make a decision on this application contrary to our advice, then we will be unable to support this application in an appeal or at any future discharge of conditions stage relating to conditions that the Lead Local Flood Authority have not recommended.

Please send a copy of the decision notice to our identified mailbox.

Yours faithfully,

Harry McGaghey

Lead Local Flood Authority

