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31st October 2017

Dear Mr Cooper,

In response to Detailed Comments from Lead Local Flood Authority (SUD ES 2017 006) relating to Planning Application LW/789/CM(EIA) for Installation and Operation of Asphalt Plant, Concrete Batching Plant and Gully Waste Plant, together with Ancillary Development and Access

I am responding to the Detailed Comments enclosed with the letter from Edward Sheath (Head of Planning and Environment) dated 13th July 2017 (reference: SUD ES 2017 006).

Connecting to Denton Sewer

Following your advice, the updated drainage proposals involve connecting to Denton Sewer for onward discharge to the tidal reach of the River Ouse (rather than relying upon a pumped outfall). The location, sizing and capacity of the Site's pre-existing inlet pipes are detailed in previous correspondence (email dated 29th September 2017 from Andrew Hack, Estates Manager at F M Conway Ltd). The maximum potential discharge rate in the pre-existing inlet pipes is estimated at 160L/sec. This will be reduced to 80L/sec in order to provide 50% betterment.

Storage calculations have been completed using the IH124 drainage tool designed by HR Wallingford (HR Wallingford 2004) working in conjunction with the Environment Agency to provide a simple, nationally available and consistent methodology for estimating limiting discharges for drainage systems. It complies with the Environment Agency position on site runoff discharge management (the Defra/ Environment Agency document 'Preliminary rainfall runoff management for developments', SC030219 rev. E (2013)).

The calculations are appended: "HRW_UKSuds_Storage_Report: 95 percent paved (IH124, 95 PIMP, 1.4CC, 80L-sec)".

In the IH124 drainage tool, the Site discharge rate has been edited so that it equates to 80L/sec.

Applying this edited rate, the total storage (including treatment storage) is 1,558 m³. This is on the assumption that 95% of the surface area of the Site will be paved. The climate change factor has been increased to 40% in response to the final bullet point in your Detailed Comments.



Tide Locking

Based upon (i) visual inspection of the invert level at the outfall from Denton Sewer into the River Ouse and (ii) previous liaison with the Environment Agency, it is concluded that the sewer is locked for *circa* 6 hours per tidal cycle. The outfall is set at *circa* 0.00 maOD.

The IH124 drainage tool cannot be used to quantify the impact caused by tide locking; therefore, an alternative approach has been adopted: Runoff calculations have been completed using the Modified Rational Method.

The spreadsheet has been adjusted to reflect the worst-case scenario, where the onset of the 100-year event coincides with the 6-hour period of tide locking *i.e.* the discharge rate of 80L/sec is postponed for 6 hours. In other words, for the first 6 hours, the spreadsheet assumes that there is no discharge from the outfall.

In reality, some flow will occur during tide locking, because the outfall (0.00 maOD) will be subject to a head of up to 3.5 m as a result of the formalised storage infrastructure (see below).

With zero discharge in the first 6 hours, the Modified Rational Method indicates that the attenuation storage requirement is increased to 1,830 m³. The calculations are appended: “Runoff Assessment for the 100-Year Storm Event”.

Attenuation Storage Infrastructure

In response to the second paragraph in your Detailed Comments, the proposed layout has been updated to include formalised storage infrastructure to accommodate 1,560 m³ of rainfall runoff. This volume of water is contained below 3.46 maOD within the area highlighted (tinted blue) upon the attached drawing “CWY51-EW-00-004 rev P3 Proposed Surface Levels”, which has been circulated to the Council and Environment Agency by previous email (Andrew Hack, 18th October 2017).

In this layout, an additional 270 m³ of storm runoff can be safely contained in the same footprint (tinted blue) by allowing 20 mm depth of standing water in this area. This gives an overall storage volume of 1,830 m³ contained below 3.48 maOD, which is sufficient to accommodate the attenuation storage requirement for the 100-Year Storm Event with Tide Locking.

The containment volume can be increased to 2,060 m³ by allowing standing water up to 3.50 maOD. This will only encroach upon areas of the Site where activities are classed as “Less Vulnerable” (as per Flood Risk Vulnerability Classification in Table 2 “Planning Practice Guidance for Flood Risk and Coastal Change”, DCLG, updated 6th March 2014). The finished floor level for more vulnerable operations is maintained dry in this scenario.

The Site will be bunded to give a minimum perimeter level (including the entrance/egress points) of 3.70 maOD. By allowing water to rise from 3.50 maOD up to 3.70 maOD, an additional volume of 3,720 m³ can be contained without risk of overtopping the Site boundary. This brings the total volume contained below 3.70 maOD up to 5,780 m³.

It should be noted that the current configuration of the Site (in its pre-development brownfield state) provides negligible storage space for rainfall runoff, estimated at only 450 m³.

Thus, the development proposal compares very favourably with the existing situation.

Safe Egress and Access Routes

The drainage proposals have been updated to provide safe containment of runoff in the 100-year event. The question of Safe Egress and Access Routes can be dealt with by signposting to indicate a route that avoids the area tinged blue on drawing “CWY51-EW-00-004 rev P3 Proposed Surface Levels”.

The Applicant should register with the Environment Agency’s “Floodline Warnings Direct”. If the design storm is exceeded (*e.g.* by the 1,000-Year Tidal Surge), the Applicant would be forewarned by the Environment Agency and evacuate the Site in a timely manner.

Hydraulic Calculations for Range of Storm Events

The third paragraph of Detailed Comments was written when the development proposal did not include any formalised storage infrastructure. In light of these design improvements, there is no longer any requirement to assess the implications of storm events with a return period of less than 100 years.

Discharge Rates and Water Quality

The fourth and fifth paragraphs of the Detailed Comments will be addressed by liaison with the Environment Agency.

David Griggs (Planning Advisor at the Agency) has confirmed by email dated 24th October 2017 that the Agency’s environmental management teams will decide upon pollution prevention measures, the implementation of which will be determined “via a planning condition or an environmental permit for trade discharge into the river. Either way, it won’t be an obstacle to permission being granted as far as the EA is concerned”.

Climate Change Factor

As outlined earlier, the climate change factor in the IH 124 drainage tool has been increased to 40% in response to the final bullet point in your Detailed Comments.

I trust that the foregoing is suitable for your purposes. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07773 319271 should you wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely

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Site name: North Quay, Newhaven

Site location: Newhaven, BN9 0AB

Site coordinates

Latitude: 50.79712° N

Longitude: 0.05231° E

This is an estimation of the storage volume requirements that are needed to meet normal best practice criteria in line with Environment Agency guidance "Preliminary rainfall runoff management for developments", W5-074/A/TR1/1 rev. E (2012) and the SuDS Manual, C753 (Ciria, 2015). It is not to be used for detailed design of drainage systems. It is recommended that hydraulic modelling software is used to calculate volume requirements and design details before finalising the drainage scheme.

Reference: 6071642

Date: 2017-09-29T15:00:46

Methodology	IH124
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Site characteristics

Total site area (ha)	2.64
Significant public open space (ha)	0
Area positively drained (ha)	2.64
Pervious area contribution (%)	30
Impermeable area (ha)	2.508
Percentage of drained area that is impermeable (%)	95
Impervious area drained via infiltration (ha)	0
Return period for infiltration system design (year)	10
Impervious area drained to rainwater harvesting systems (ha)	0
Return period for rainwater harvesting system design (year)	10
Compliance factor for rainwater harvesting system design (%)	66
Net site area for storage volume design (ha)	2.64
Net impermeable area for storage volume design (ha)	2.52

* Where rainwater harvesting or infiltration has been used for managing surface water runoff such that the effective impermeable area is less than 50 % of the 'area positively drained', the 'net site area' and the estimates of Qbar and other flow rates will have been reduced accordingly.

Design criteria

Volume control approach Flow control to max of 2 l/s/ha or

	Default	Edited
Climate change allowance factor	1.4	1.4
Urban creep allowance factor	1.1	1.1
Interception rainfall depth (mm)	5	5
Minimum flow rate (l/s)	5	5

Qbar estimation method	Specify Qbar manually
SPR estimation method	Calculate from SOIL type

	Default	Edited
Qbar total site area (l/s)	8.08	80
SOIL type	3	3
HOST class	N/A	N/A
SPR	0.37	0.37

Hydrology

	Default	Edited
SAAR (mm)	739	739
M5-60 Rainfall Depth (mm)	20	20
'r' Ratio M5-60/M5-2 day	0.3	0.3
Rainfall 100 yrs 6 hrs	70	
Rainfall 100 yrs 12 hrs	99.12	
FEH/FSR conversion factor	1.18	1.18
Hydrological region	7	
Growth curve factor: 1 year	0.85	0.85
Growth curve factor: 10 year	1.62	1.62
Growth curve factor: 30 year	2.3	2.3
Growth curve factor: 100 year	3.19	3.19

Site discharge rates

	Default	Edited
Qbar total site area (l/s)	8.08	80
Qbar net site area (l/s)	8.08	80
1 in 1 year (l/s)	6.9	68
1 in 30 years (l/s)	8.1	80
1 in 100 years (l/s)	8.1	80

Estimated storage volumes

	Default	Edited
Interception storage (m ³)	100	100
Attenuation storage (m ³)	3808	1157
Long term storage (m ³)	0	0
Treatment storage (m ³)	301	301
Total storage (excluding treatment) (m ³)	3908	1257

This report was produced using the Storage estimation tool developed by HR Wallingford and available at www.uksuds.com. The use of this tool is subject to the UK SuDS terms and conditions and licence agreement, which can both be found at <http://uksuds.com/terms-and-conditions.htm>. The outputs from this tool have been used to estimate storage volume requirements. The use of these results is the responsibility of the users of this tool. No liability will be accepted by HR Wallingford, the Environment Agency, CEH, Hydrosolutions or any other organisation for use of this data in the design or operational characteristics of any drainage scheme.

Runoff Assessment for the 100-Year Storm Event

RUNOFF ASSESSMENT FOR THE 100-YEAR STORM EVENT

i) RETURN PERIOD (Design Storm)

T (Rounded; yr) = 100 (as per National Planning Policy Framework & supporting technical guidance)

ii a) PEAK FLOW RATE

Q = 2.78 AKI Modified Rational Method

Catchment Area (A; ha) = 2.64 (surface area of site)

Runoff coefficient (K) = 0.95 (nomogram)

I (mm/hr) = 118.60 (15 minutes duration)

Q (l/s) = 827

ii b) AVAILABLE SOAKAWAY AREA

Area (m2) = 0 (no soakaway potential)

iii) ATTENUATION STORAGE VOLUME FOR GIVEN DISCHARGE RATE

Qp(l/s) = 80.00 (set at 80 l/s after 6 hrs of tide locking)

Storm Duration	Storm Duration	Rainfall Intensity	Volume of Incident Rainfall since commencement of storm	Volume of Discharge since commencement of storm	Storage Required
(mins)	(hrs)	(mm/hr)	(m3)	(m3)	(m3)
15	0.25	118.6	744	0	744
30	0.50	72.98	916	0	916
45	0.75	54.73333333	1030	0	1030
60	1.00	44.55	1118	0	1118
75	1.25	37.96	1191	0	1191
90	1.50	33.28666667	1253	0	1253
105	1.75	29.78285714	1308	0	1308
120	2.00	27.04	1357	0	1357
135	2.25	24.82666667	1402	0	1402
150	2.50	23	1443	0	1443
165	2.75	21.46181818	1481	0	1481
180	3.00	20.14666667	1517	0	1517
195	3.25	19.00615385	1550	0	1550
210	3.50	18.00857143	1582	0	1582
225	3.75	17.12533333	1612	0	1612
240	4.00	16.3375	1640	0	1640
255	4.25	15.63058824	1667	0	1667
270	4.50	14.99111111	1693	0	1693
285	4.75	14.41263158	1718	0	1718
300	5.00	13.882	1742	0	1742
315	5.25	13.39428571	1765	0	1765
330	5.50	12.94727273	1787	0	1787
345	5.75	12.53217391	1809	0	1809
360	6.00	12.14833333	1830	0	1830
375	6.25	11.7904	1850	72	1778
390	6.50	11.45692308	1869	144	1725
405	6.75	11.14518519	1888	216	1672
420	7.00	10.85142857	1907	288	1619
435	7.25	10.57655172	1925	360	1565
450	7.50	10.316	1942	432	1510
465	7.75	10.07096774	1959	504	1455
480	8.00	9.84	1976	576	1400
495	8.25	9.620606061	1992	648	1344
510	8.50	9.411764706	2008	720	1288
525	8.75	9.213714286	2024	792	1232
540	9.00	9.025555556	2039	864	1175
555	9.25	8.845405405	2054	936	1118
570	9.50	8.673684211	2068	1008	1060
585	9.75	8.50974359	2083	1080	1003
600	10.00	8.353	2097	1152	945
615	10.25	8.202926829	2110	1224	886
630	10.50	8.059047619	2124	1296	828
645	10.75	7.920930233	2137	1368	769
660	11.00	7.788181818	2150	1440	710
675	11.25	7.660444444	2163	1512	651
690	11.50	7.537391304	2176	1584	592
705	11.75	7.419574468	2188	1656	532

720	12.00	7.305833333	2201	1728	473
735	12.25	7.179591837	2208	1728	480
750	12.50	7.0584	2215	1728	487
765	12.75	6.941960784	2222	1728	494
780	13.00	6.829230769	2228	1728	500
795	13.25	6.720754717	2235	1728	507
810	13.50	6.615555556	2242	1728	514
825	13.75	6.514181818	2248	1728	520
840	14.00	6.415714286	2254	1728	526
855	14.25	6.320701754	2261	1728	533
870	14.50	6.228965517	2267	1728	539
885	14.75	6.139661017	2273	1728	545
900	15.00	6.053333333	2279	1728	551
915	15.25	5.969836066	2285	1728	557
930	15.50	5.888387097	2291	1728	563
945	15.75	5.80952381	2297	1728	569
960	16.00	5.733125	2302	1728	574
975	16.25	5.658461538	2308	1728	580
990	16.50	5.586060606	2313	1728	585
1005	16.75	5.515820896	2319	1728	591
1020	17.00	5.447058824	2324	1728	596
1035	17.25	5.380869565	2330	1728	602
1050	17.50	5.316	2335	1728	607
1065	17.75	5.252394366	2340	1728	612
1080	18.00	5.191111111	2345	1728	617
1095	18.25	5.130958904	2350	1800	550
1110	18.50	5.072432432	2355	1872	483
1125	18.75	5.015466667	2360	1944	416
1140	19.00	4.959473684	2365	2016	349
1155	19.25	4.904935065	2370	2088	282
1170	19.50	4.851794872	2375	2160	215
1185	19.75	4.8	2379	2232	147
1200	20.00	4.7495	2384	2304	80
1215	20.25	4.699753086	2389	2376	13
1230	20.50	4.651219512	2393	2448	-55

