

Drainage Statement

Surface Water

The overall catchment area for the development has been assessed as 264,050m². This catchment is the combination of all the development areas, plus the cut and constructed slopes around the development areas. The assumed catchment area is shown on drawing P23165-SMCE-ZZ-XX-DR-D-0310.

The surface water drainage system will be designed to collect 100% of the rainfall (minus the 5mm interception loses) on the development platform, including the switchyard and welfare area. Additionally, the drainage system will accommodate 100% of the rainfall on the cut and formed slopes into the existing PFA bunds, where these fall onto and towards the development platform.

The newly formed slopes, forming the outer shoulder of the development platform, and falling down away from the development platform, will be drained via a perimeter toe drain. This will be in the form of a shallow ditch or swale. The water from this will be directed towards a pumping station situated at the lowest point, from where it will be pumped up to the main attenuation basin.

The development platform will have local falls to direct surface water towards drainage infrastructure. These will generally consist of gravel filled trenches with perforated pipes. The pipes will feed into the main surface water drainage network that extends throughout the development platform (see drawing P23165-SMCE-ZZ-XX-DR-D-0310). This drainage network will consist of pipes, varying in size from 150mm to 900mm, laid at suitable falls for the anticipated rainfall. Manholes have been provided throughout the drainage network to allow maintenance of the system. Some of these manholes will also provide and isolation feature (e.g., penstocks) to isolate the surface water drainage if there is a fire or pollution event.

Within the switchyard there are 5No. transformers. These are sat within individual bunded areas. Drainage from these bunds will be via a manually-operated system, whereby the bund is checked for the presence of oil contamination prior to discharge of any collected water. Should significant quantities of oil be detected within the bunded area, then alternative arrangement will be made to remove the oil / water via tanker for disposal. All the discharge from within the bunded areas around the transformers will additionally pass through an oil interceptor located prior to the attenuation basins.

All surface water will be attenuated in open attenuation basins formed within the site. These basins will be lined (with HDPE or similar line) to prevent infiltration into the PFA waste.

The attenuation storage volume required has been calculated using the HR Wallingford Surface Water Storage Estimation tool and the IH124 estimation methodology. Rainfall values for the 6hr and 12 hr 1 in 100-year storm events have been manually edited to the FEH13 values. A 40% climate change to rainfall has been applied as per Environment Agency guidance for the area. This gives a storage requirement of approx. 21,500m³.

Attenuation has been provided by 3No. basins, located outside of the development platform, with a total storage volume of 22,200m³. It is assumed that these basins will all have a maximum water level of 9.0mAOD during events requiring attenuation. This will provide a freeboard of around 1.0m to the immediate surrounding ground levels (note – the basins are situated on a plateau in the existing PFA mound). The basins have varying base levels, getting lower towards the discharge

point, however the top water level remains the same through all 3No. basins. There will be some surcharging of the upstream manholes and pipes during extreme rainfall events. The basins will fully empty via gravity drainage at the greenfield run-off rate via the outfall following a storm event.

It is proposed to link the 3No. attenuation basins with swales or diches.

The outfall for the surface water will be via the existing consented discharge point at SE 591 091, into a tributary of the EA Beck. The consent number for this discharge is WRA 7038. Discharge will be limited to greenfield run-off rate, which has been calculated as 103.54l/s. A hydrobrake or similar will be provided within the flow control chamber to limit the discharge to this value.

Foul Water

There are no readily accessible foul water drains nearby the development. All foul water will be collected in below ground cesspools, sized based on anticipated usage and emptying frequency.

Foul drainage will be limited to the drainage from the welfare areas, principally from toilet usage and hand washing.

Management and Maintenance

The facility operator will ensure that regular inspection of the drainage systems is carried out, the inspections are logged and any remedial work necessary at the time of inspection is completed to ensure continued satisfactory operation of the designed system.

Planned Preventative Maintenance

As a minimum, the maintenance Contractor appointed by the facility operator should complete the following scope of works during the planned bi-annual preventative maintenance inspection:

External Drainage

a) Check for satisfactory operation of external foul and surface water drainage systems and report any defects.

Manholes, pipes, gullies and drainage channels

Maintenance	Required Action	Typical Frequency
Schedule		
Regular	Inspect and remove, when encountered, any	Minimum every 6 months
Maintenance	litter and debris from manholes, pipes,	or as required.
	channels, gullies or surfaces in the drained area.	
Remedial Actions	Local repair or replacement of runs to maintain	As required
	the functionality of the sewer.	
	Cleaning of sediment and obstructions in pipes	As required
	and manholes when blockages are discovered.	
Monitoring	Lift manhole covers and visually inspect for silt,	Every 6 months
	debris and signs of blockages within the	
	drainage system.	
	Check manhole cover and frames for damage.	Every 6 months

Filter Drains

Maintenance	Required Action	Typical Frequency
Schedule		
Regular	Remove litter (including leaf litter) and debris	Monthly (or as required)
Maintenance	from filter drain surface, access chambers and	
	pre-treatment devices	
	Inspect filter drain surface, inlet, outlet pipework	Monthly
	and control systems for blockages, clogging,	
	standing water and structural damage	
	Inspect pre-treatment systems, inlets and	Six monthly
	perforated pipework for silt accumulation, and	
	establish appropriate silt removal frequencies	
	Remove sediment from pre-treatment devices	Six monthly, or as
		required
Occasional	Remove or control tree roots where they are	As required
Maintenance	encroaching the sides of the filter drain, using	
	recommended methods (e.g., NJUG, 2007 or BS	
	3998:2010)	
	At locations with high pollution loads, remove	Five yearly, or as
	surface geotextile and replace, and wash or	required
	replace overlying filter medium	
	Clear perforated pipework of blockages	As required

Swales

Maintenance	Required Action	Typical Frequency
Schedule		
Regular	Remove litter and debris	Monthly, or as required
Maintenance	Cut grass – to retain grass height within specified	Monthly (during growing
	design range	season), or as required
	Manage other vegetation and remove nuisance	Monthly at start, then as
	plants	required
	Inspect inlets, outlets and overflows for	Monthly
	blockages, and clear if required	
	Inspect infiltration surfaces for ponding,	Monthly, or when required
	compaction, silt accumulation, record areas	
	where water is ponding for > 48 hours	
	Inspect vegetation coverage	Monthly for 6 months,
		quarterly for 2 years, then
		half yearly
	Inspect inlets and facility surface for silt	Half yearly
	accumulation, establish appropriate silt removal	
	frequencies	
Occasional	Reseed areas of poor vegetation growth, alter	As required or if bare soil is
Maintenance	plant types to better suit conditions, if required	exposed over 10% or more
		of the swale treatment
		area
Remedial Actions	Repair erosion or other damage by re-turfing or	As required
	reseeding	
	Relevel uneven surfaces and reinstate design	As required
	levels	
	Scarify and spike topsoil layer to improve	As required
	infiltration performance, break up silt deposits	
	and prevent compaction of the soil surface	
	Remove build-up of sediment on upstream	As required
	gravel trench, flow spreader or at top of filter	
	strip	
	Remove and dispose of oils or petrol residues	As required
	using safe standard practices	

Attenuation Basins

Maintenance Schedule	Required Action	Typical Frequency
Regular	Remove litter and debris	Monthly
Maintenance	Cut grass – for spillways and access routes	Monthly (during growing season), or as required
	Cut grass – meadow grass in and around basin	Half yearly (spring – before nesting season, and autumn)
	Manage other vegetation and remove nuisance plants	Monthly (at start, then as required)
	Inspect inlets, outlets and overflows for blockages, and clear if required.	Monthly
	Inspect banksides, structures, pipework etc for evidence of physical damage	Monthly
	Inspect inlets and facility surface for silt accumulation. Establish appropriate silt removal frequencies.	Monthly (for first year), then annually or as required
	Check any penstocks and other mechanical devices	Annually
	Tidy all dead growth before start of growing season	Annually
	Remove sediment from inlets, outlet and forebay	Annually (or as required)
	Manage wetland plants in outlet pool – where provided	Annually
Occasional Maintenance	Reseed areas of poor vegetation growth	As required
	Prune and trim any trees and remove cuttings	Every 2 years, or as required
	Remove sediment from inlets, outlets, forebay and main basin when required	Every 5 years, or as required (likely to be minimal requirements where effective upstream source control is provided).
Remedial Actions	Repair erosion or other damage by reseeding or re-turfing	As required
	Realignment of rip-rap	As required
	Repair / rehabilitation of inlets, outlets and overflows	As required
	Relevel uneven surfaces and reinstate design levels	As required