

Application address Land West of Workhouse Lane Burbage Leicestershire	Planning ref. 26/00113/REM
	Our ref. 2026/0113/04/RM/R3
Description Application for the approval of Reserved matters (Layout, Scale, Appearance, Landscaping) of outline planning permission 20/01012/OUT for residential development of up to 40 dwellings	Consultation date 02/09/2026
	Response date 15/09/2026
Planning officer Alex Jelley	Reviewing officer Harvey Speed
Application type Reserved Matters	Extension requested ☐
No concerns ☐	Further consultation required ☐

Lead Local Flood Authority Key Observations

Leicestershire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) has been reconsulted on this reserved matters application relating to a residential development of up to 40 dwellings. The LLFA requested the submission of further information in its latest response of 21st August 2026, as summarised below:

- Confirmation on whether the spring is a formed channel and if a headwall will be constructed
- Information demonstrating compliance with Standard 2 of the National Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).

The applicant has provided an email communication indicating that above two concerns were previously addressed with the former officer of the LLFA. In an email dated 11th June 2026, it was confirmed by the applicant that:

“There is an existing / formal channel associated with the existing spring, this connects into the watercourse running adjacent the site. We will be discharging to the existing channel via a new headwall structure.”

In relation to the applicant’s compliance with Standard 2, an alternative approach (areas of permeable paving and the addition of a stilling basin within the attenuation basin) as been agreed with the LLFA which is consistent with the standards at the time of the outline application.

Leicestershire County Council as the LLFA advises the LPA that the application documents as submitted are sufficient for the LLFA to support the approval of the reserved matters.

Note: Reserved matters applications are reviewed by the LLFA in relation to details such as ‘access’, ‘appearance’, ‘landscaping’, ‘layout’ and ‘scale’ only, in line with article 2 of the Town

and Country Planning Order 2015. This response does not consider any surface water specific conditions which must be consulted on separately once the reserved matters are approved by the LPA.

Standing Advice to the Local Planning Authority

1. Standing Advice – National Planning Policy Framework

When determining planning applications, the local planning authority should ensure flood risk is not increased elsewhere and only consider development appropriate in areas at risk of flooding where informed by a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) confirming it will not put the users of the development at risk. Where an FRA is applicable this should be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework and accompanying Planning Practice Guidance.

2. Standing Advice – Consent

Where there are any works proposed as part of an application which are likely to affect flows in an ordinary watercourse or ditch, the applicant will require consent under Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991. This is in addition to any planning permission that may be granted.

Guidance on this process and a sample application form can be found via the following website:
<http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/flood-risk-management>

Applicants are advised to refer to Leicestershire County Council's culverting policy contained within the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Appendix document, available at the above link. No development should take place within 5 metres of any watercourse or ditch without first contacting the County Council for advice.

3. Standing Advice – Maintenance

Note that it is the responsibility of the Local Planning Authority under the DEFRA/DCLG legislation (April 2015) to ensure that a system to facilitate the future maintenance of SuDS features can be managed and maintained in perpetuity before commencement of the works.

Additional information and guidance is available here:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/flooding-and-drainage/>

Note: Response provided by the Lead Local Flood Authority under the delegated authority of the Director of Environment and Transport.