

Application address Land at Cliffe Lane, Markfield		Planning ref.	23/01090/OUT	
		Our ref.	2023/1090/04/F	
Description Outline Application for the construction of employment units (Use Classes E(g)(i), E(g)(ii), B2 and B8) (some matter reserved except for access)		Consultation date	28/11/2023	
		Response date	15/12/2023	
Planning officer	Matt Jedruch	Reviewing officer	Jack Harriman	
Application type		Outline	Extension requested	☐
Refer to standing advice ☐	Conditions ☐	Further consultation required ☒	Concerns ☐	

Consultation checklist

No.	Description	Check
1	Location plan	☒
2	Proposed layout plan	☒
3	Evidence that the site can be drained	☐
4	Topographic and ground investigation details	☒
5	The total impermeable area pre and post development	☒
6	All potential flood risk sources have been identified and assessed	☒
7	Existing and proposed peak discharge rates	☒
8	Consideration of sustainable drainage systems	☒
9	Attenuation volume calculations	☒
10	Consideration of the maintenance and management of all drainage elements	☒

LLFA Key Observations and Advice

Leicestershire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) notes that the 6.2ha greenfield site is located within Flood Zone 1 being at low risk of fluvial flooding and a very low risk of surface water flooding at the southern portion at the site and medium to high risk at the northern portion of the site.

The proposals seek to discharge at 16.7 l/s via swales and an attenuation basin to the on-site watercourse. However, the drainage strategy shown is not supplement with sufficient level information to demonstrate this strategy is viable. The applicant should provide indicative level

information, as a minimum the invert level of the attenuation basin and the level of the point of discharge, to satisfy the LLFA.

Leicestershire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) advises the Local Planning Authority (LPA) that the application documents as submitted are insufficient for the LLFA to provide a substantive response at this stage. In order to provide a substantive response level information critical to the outfall strategy is required.

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.

This consent does not consider local watercourse bylaws. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check if the local borough or district council has their own bylaws which the proposals will also need to consider.

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.

4. Standing Advice – Ditches

Where a drainage ditch adjoins or flows through a development, provision should be made such that the ditch can be made throughout the life of the development. The ownership and responsibility for maintenance of the ditch should also be clearly identified and conveyed to the relevant parties.

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.