

Loxley Design Ltd

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To:

Development Management
Leicestershire County Council

Application Reference: 23/00763/FUL

Site Address: Clovelly, Merrylees Road, Leicestershire LE67 1AP

Discharge of Planning Condition – Surface Water Drainage to Highway

Dear Sir / Madam,

This letter is submitted in support of the accompanying drawing in relation to the discharge of the following planning condition:

“Where the access slopes towards the highway, measures must be in place to prevent surface water from draining into the public highway. The Applicant should therefore demonstrate that the proposed access would not result in surface water draining into the public highway.”

The proposed access has been designed to manage surface water in a controlled manner that avoids any material discharge onto the public highway.

The tarmac access section incorporates a cross-fall, directing surface water laterally towards an existing drainage gully/ditch located alongside the property boundary, as shown on the accompanying plan. This feature represents the historic drainage route for the site, and surface water from the land has always drained in this direction. The proposal does not materially alter the established drainage pattern.

The drainage gully/ditch connects to a wider drainage network and ultimately to a larger watercourse, which conveys surface water away from the site and highway.

It is anticipated that the majority of surface water runoff from the access will be directed into this gully/ditch. During periods of particularly heavy or intense rainfall, a small amount of residual surface water may flow across the surface of the access; however, this would be limited in volume and duration and would not result in a material increase in surface water discharge onto the public highway when compared to existing conditions.

Beyond the tarmac access, the remainder of the driveway is gravel, which assists in attenuating surface water through infiltration and further reduces runoff volumes.

In summary:

- The access is laid with a cross-fall directing surface water away from the highway
- The primary runoff route is to an existing gully/ditch that has historically drained the site
- The proposal does not materially change existing drainage arrangements
- Any residual surface water during extreme rainfall events would be minimal and would not result in a material impact on the public highway

On this basis, it is considered that the proposed access satisfies the intent and requirements of the planning condition, and it is respectfully requested that the condition be discharged.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Oliver Loxley

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