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Site address: Land East Of New Road, Melksham, Wiltshire

Development description: Outline permission for the erection of up to 2 self-build dwellings and associated infrastructure, all matters are reserved except for access.

Thank you for your planning application enquiry. Please find attached a map showing the approximate location of our services near the site.

Wessex Water can advise the following.

Existing assets

There are no known Wessex Water assets within the development site.

Surface water drainage

Surface water must be disposed of via the SuDS Hierarchy which is subject to Building Regulations and NPPF.

No surface water runoff, land drainage or ground water will be accepted into a public sewer that carries sewerage, either directly or indirectly. Our rainwater drainage policy can be found on our [website](#).

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) mandates that Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) must be incorporated into new developments to manage surface water runoff, mitigate flood risks, and provide additional benefits, including enhanced water quality and green spaces.

In line with the drainage hierarchy outlined in Approved Document H of the Building Regulations, Planning Practice Guidance, and the necessity to address water scarcity, all surface water runoff should aim to be discharged as high up the surface water discharge hierarchy as feasible.

Defra have announced new national standards for SuDS. The national surface water hierarchy has been updated and runoff from the development shall be discharged to the following final destinations, to the maximum extent practicable, in accordance with the below hierarchy:

- collected for non-potable use (water re-use)
- infiltrated to ground
- discharged to an above ground surface water body
- discharged to a surface water sewer, or another piped surface water drainage system

Note: To utilise a lesser priority final destination, appropriate evidence shall be provided that demonstrates all higher priority final destinations have been utilised to the maximum extent practicable. Higher cost alone shall not be a reason to utilise lower priority final destinations.

Review of the proposal indicates surface water will be discharged via SuDs / soakaway which we support.

The developer is required to undertake soakaway testing in line with legislative requirements.

Surface Water drainage strategy to be agreed with the LFFA.

Foul drainage

Review of the proposal indicates foul sewage will be disposed of via a package treatment plant.

Water supply

There is 4" Water distribution main located in the road to the West of the development site from which a suitable point of connection could be made.

Developers may connect to our water network on a size for size basis at their cost and Wessex Water will undertake any network reinforcement that may be required to accommodate granted development, this is funded through our infrastructure charging arrangements.

For more details and guidance for applying to connect to our networks please see our website and our standing advice:

<https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/services/building-and-developing/building-multiple-properties-or-largedevlopments>

[Planning liaison standing advice and frequently asked questions](#)

For further assistance please contact Planning Liaison via planning.liaison@wessexwater.co.uk

Note: These comments are based upon known circumstances prevailing at the time of writing. A review of the contents of this email is required where 18 months or more have elapsed since issue or in the light of significant changes likely to impact upon the response (e.g. changes in development numbers or phasing). Please email review requests to planning.liaison@wessexwater.co.uk

Kind regards

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