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Planning App Ref:	PL/2026/00920
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PROPOSAL

Proposed natural wildlife pond with ancillary recreational swimming

SITE LOCATION

Hinton House, 13 Hinton Lane, Great Hinton, Trowbridge, BA14 6BS

SUMMARY OF THE CONSULTEE POSITION

Object	
Holding Objection: Further information required	
Support	
No comment	
No objection	
No objection subject to conditions	
Consultation not required	x

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

- Planning Statement
- Existing Site Plan
- Proposed Site Plan

ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSAL

Context

The proposal seeks permission for the creation of a natural wildlife pond with limited capacity for recreational swimming

The proposed pond will function as a natural swimming pond, operating on ecological rather than chemical or intensive mechanical principles. Water quality will be maintained through a balanced system of aquatic planting, biological filtration, and natural circulation, allowing the pond to operate as a living waterbody that supports biodiversity while also accommodating occasional swimming

Assessment

The Wiltshire Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, [SFRA Data Explorer](#), has indicated that the site is located within Flood Zone 1 and there has a has a low level of risk from fluvial flooding.

The site has a low level of risk from ground water flooding.

The site has a low level of risk from surface water flooding.

Overall, the site is shown to be at a low cumulative risk of flooding in the future from all sources.

Water circulation will be achieved primarily through passive means, with low-energy pumps used where necessary to ensure consistent movement through the regeneration zone. The system will operate as a closed-loop, with no regular water discharge, minimising water consumption and aligning with sustainable drainage and water management principles.

RECOMMENDATION

Consultation not required

Drainage consultation is not required for this application as it falls below the threshold set out in the drainage consultation matrix. No further comments are necessary.