

CEMP
Drainage Addendum
April 2026

Condition 20
Ashton Park

In response to the submission to discharge Condition 20 (CEMP) in relation to Outline Planning Permission 15/04736/OUT the following response was received:

This CEMP describes general methodologies relating to the avoidance of pollution. This document must be read in conjunction with a separate CEMP addressing specific measures relating to drainage, hydrology effects etc., which will be developed by specialists to discharge Condition 20. In combination, these documents will ensure the protection of all ecologically important features

This addendum responds to that comment and should be read alongside the main CEMP. It provides site-specific context and sets out measures to protect ecological features with regard to drainage and hydrology.

The River Biss bisects the Ashton Park and flows from south to north. The River Biss is a Main River and north of the Application Site it flows through the Biss Meadows Country Park and under the A361 into Trowbridge Town Centre. It eventually discharges into the River Avon by Widbrook Wood.

The Stourton Brook [ordinary watercourse] flows through the northern portion of the Application Site from east to west. The Stourton Brook joins the Blackball Brook which in turn discharges into the River Biss north of the Application Site.

The development predominately drains to the River Biss via pipes and attenuation basins. The north eastern section of the development drains towards the Stourton Brook.

The flood plain associated with the River Biss and the Stourton Brook encroaches on parts of the development. The only development within this zone are three road bridges which provide access to the proposed development and Public Open Space along the river corridor.

All existing drainage ditches will be maintained in their existing state. The proposed development incorporates a minimum 8m no development buffer along the River Biss, Stourton Brook and Drynham Brook and in most places the buffer is much larger to respect the natural floodplain. The only development which may affect the River Biss are the three proposed road bridges which are necessary to facilitate site access and the remainder of the floodplain will remain an undeveloped green corridor. Each road bridge will be free spanning and it is important to note that no structures are proposed within the river. The river will not be directly impacted by the proposed development and no barriers to fish or eels will be created as a result.



The discharge of suspended solids to watercourses and ground waters will be avoided by prohibiting any temporary construction discharge without the prior approval from the Environment Agency. Discharges of waters resulting from construction activities will generally be directed to foul sewers, subject to approval of the drainage authority.

The contractor will not be permitted to temporarily store materials or introduce 'borrow pits' or the like in areas that may affect drainage flow paths. In addition, no stockpiling of materials will be located within the flood plain.

Temporary drainage is directly relative to the safe conveyance and storage of storm water against the prevention of local contamination. The drainage measures will be implemented to ensure that:

- All construction works would be designed in accordance with the latest relevant EA guidelines
- Method statements would be produced to ensure compliance with PPG prior to the commencement of construction works to ensure that surface runoff quality is managed during the construction process.
- Contractors undertaking earthworks would develop risk assessments and method statements covering all aspects of their work that have the potential to block open watercourses.
- The principal contractor would avoid the storage of plant, machinery fuel or materials (including soil stockpiles) alongside watercourses unless unavoidable. Construction works should be programmed as far as is practicable to minimise soil handling and temporary soil storage.
- The refuelling of plant, storage of fuels and chemicals and overnight storage of mobile plant would be within the designated contractors compound areas. The compounds would contain appropriate facilities for the storage of fuels and chemicals i.e. bunded and locked storage containers, and would also be equipped with spill kits.