Revised Drainage Strategy Note

Camden Hostels - Chester Road

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1 Introduction

1.1 Introduction and Purpose

- 1.1.1 Pell Frischmann have been commissioned by Morgan Sindall to prepare detailed drainage proposals for the proposed Camden Borough Council Hostel to be constructed at 2 Chester Road, London, N19 5BP.
- 1.1.2 This technical note aims to achieve the following;
 - Provide general, and drainage related background for the site,
 - Outline the key principles and outcomes of the documentation submitted as part of the original planning application for the site,
 - > Detail the proposals for the site and any required changes to the surface water strategy subsequent to the discharge of conditions application

1.2 Information Reviewed

- 1.2.1 The following information has been reviewed pertinent to the drainage of the site;
 - Infrastruct CS Drainage Statement, 3489-CHES-ICS-XX-RP-C-07.001_Rev A
 - ➤ Infrastruct CS Proposed Drainage (Layout), 1177-DR-050-P05
 - > Infrastruct CS SuDS Maintenance Guide, 3489-CHES-ICS-C-07.002-Rev A

1.3 Information Provided

- 1.3.1 The following information has been provided for the revised drainage strategy;
 - CH0011-PEF-CH-XX-RP-C-0602 Chester LLFA response Appendix A
 - > CH0011-PEF-CH-XX-RP-C-0601 Chester Road Maintenance Plan Appendix B
 - > 123007-PEF-CH-XX-DR-C-0550 C06 Proposed Drainage Layout Appendix C

2 Review of Outline Documentation

2.1 Summary of Approved Strategy

- 2.1.1 The approved surface water drainage strategy for the development makes use of a gravity drainage network onsite that outfalls to an existing Thames Water combined sewer via a new chamber.
- 2.1.2 The surface water discharge from the site is proposed to be restricted by use of a hydrobrake prior to connection to the constructed chamber on the existing sewer

2.2 Discharge Rates

- 2.2.1 The Infrastruct CS Drainage Statement describes the following decisions made surrounding the prescription of an offsite discharge rate.
 - The site is approximately 2265m² in area and is calculated to have a QBAR greenfield runoff rate of 1.3l/s.
 - > A discharge rate of 2l/s is carried forward as a deliverable value

2.3 Attenuation Provision

- 2.3.1 The Drainage Statement shows that in order to store the 1 in 100 year + 40% Climate Change event for the impermeable area of the site, with a 2l/s discharge rate, 58.6m³ of attenuation is required.
- 2.3.2 It is proposed that this attenuation requirement is provided within a cellular attenuation system in the western end of the site.
- 2.3.3 The Infrastruct drainage layout shows a tank of 64.3m³ (60m² footprint, 1.2m depth and an assumed porosity).

2.4 Implications

- 2.4.1 The submitted documentation outlines a discharge rate restriction and the requirement for on-site attenuation.
- 2.4.2 Though the exact requirement in future applications for a restricted offsite discharge rate is subject to detailed design, the documentation reviewed has been listed as supporting documents within the decision notice and thus it is understood that the requirements will apply to any discharge of conditions application for the site.

3 Proposed Strategy

3.1 Adherence to Original Planning Strategy

- 3.1.1 It is proposed that the updated surface water drainage strategy submitted as part of discharge of conditions application, will adhere to the overarching principles agreed at the outline stage summarised as follows;
 - Surface water will be discharged to an existing chamber on site, prior to the connection offsite to the public sewer network
 - A restricted discharge rate will be implemented prior to discharge to this existing chamber, provided by use of a flow control device.
 - Attenuation will be provided upstream of this flow control device, within the external areas in the site to provide storage for all events up to the 1 in 100 year + 40% climate change event.
 - It should be noted that the original surface water calculations utilised FSR rainfall data and not FEH rainfall data which is now current standard to be used for calculations.

3.2 Site Constraints

- 3.2.1 Since the original planning application, the design for all aspects has progressed and further information on site constraints is identified below:
 - > The location of piles, pile caps, ground beams and floor slabs for both ground and basement level is now available which imposes constraints on drainage design.
 - Tree root protection zones have been considered which highlight areas to reduce dig for drainage where possible to do so.
 - > Crane base and hoist locations have been identified which further restricts space available for drainage.

3.3 Change of Discharge Rate

- 3.3.1 Due to the assessment of more appropriate rainfall data in the design, consideration of further design constraints, and more accurate assessment of impermeable catchment on the development, the discharge rate has been reviewed as part of this detailed design.
- 3.3.2 As a result of this review the discharge rate has been increased from 2l/s to 5l/s to provide sufficient discharge to prevent flooding up to and including the 1:100 year storm event +40% climate change.
- 3.3.3 It should be noted that the existing site catchment allows for a 1:2 year discharge rate of 23.9l/s which is unrestricted. The proposed restricted discharge rate of 5l/s for all storm events would present a minimum reduction of 79% in flow rate to public sewer.
- 3.3.4 In relation to higher storm intensity events the reduction in flows are even greater The existing 1:30 year discharge rate is 71.7l/s and 1:100 year is 227.1l/s. Therefore the proposed 5l/s restriction presents a 30 year reduction of 93% and a 100 year reduction of 98% compared to existing.

3.4 Attenuation Provision

- 3.4.1 The surface water calculations have been remodelled utilising FEH rainfall data not considered as part of the outline strategy.
- 3.4.2 Attenuation in the form of underground box crates has been provided in the external courtyard area to maximise the space available between foundations and crane base. Due to the level difference (3m) between upper courtyard and lower courtyard areas, the attenuation has been split into two separate units.

- 3.4.3 The upper courtyard will have a restricted discharge of 4.5l/s and will provide an attenuation volume of 34.5m3 utilising a 1.6m deep box crate system.
- 3.4.4 The lower courtyard will have a restricted discharge of 0.5l/s and will provide an attenuation volume of 7.68m3 utilising a 0.8m deep box crate system.
- 3.4.5 Further attenuation volume is provided in the upstream pipework (34.71m3) and manholes (32.31m3) which is total 67.02m³.
- 3.4.6 As a result, total volume provided is circa 109.2 m³.

4 Conclusions

4.1 Summary

- 4.1.1 An original drainage strategy was proposed that showed an attenuation requirement of 52.46m³ based on an impermeable area of 987m² and an allowable minimum discharge rate of 1.3l/s.
- 4.1.2 The design has progressed since original planning application and now presents further constraints for foundations, crane bases and tree root protection zones.
- 4.1.3 Mitigation for this is provided by increasing the discharge rate offsite, allowing the attenuation requirement, and therefore on site infrastructure to remain unchanged.
- 4.1.4 The upper courtyard will have a restricted discharge of 4.5l/s and will provide an attenuation volume of 34.5m3 utilising a 1.6m deep box crate system.
- 4.1.5 The lower courtyard will have a restricted discharge of 0.5l/s and will provide an attenuation volume of 7.68m3 utilising a 0.8m deep box crate system.
- 4.1.6 Further attenuation volume is provided in the upstream pipework (34.71m3) and manholes (32.31m3) which is total 67.02m³.
- 4.1.7 As a result, total volume provided is circa 109.2 m³.

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Chester Road Hostel

Our ref: CH0011-PEF-CH-XX-RP-C-0600

Planning ref: 2024/3737/P

This note has been written in response to the initial LLFA response provided by Camden Council in relation to the planning application for a site at Chester Road Hostel. The response has been provided in email format, dated 04 June 2024.

Review Summary:

This proposal is proposing the following key items:

- **Type of development:** Demolition of the existing single person hostel at 2 Chester Road and construction of new family hostel facility to provide 50 homes in three blocks ranging between three and four storeys in height with associated courtyard, external landscaping and ancillary works.
- Flood risk: The site is not in an area of flood risk.
- Types of conveyance / attenuation features: Attenuation tanks, flow control device.
- Greenfield runoff rate: 2.6 l/s
 Runoff rate restriction (l/s): 5 l/s
- Runoff attenuation volume (m3): 109.2
- Maintenance plan: N/A

Recommendation and requests:

Further information is required for this site for the following reasons:

Camden Council – Requested Information	Pell Frischmann - Response			
The applicant has not provided information to confirm that permeable paving and a green roof is proposed, as was in the approved full application.	Green roofs are proposed please refer to WGI Architects roof plan dwgs for details. Permeable tarmac is proposed for external areas please refer to Terrafirma landscape dwgs for details.			
The applicant should provide the remodelled calculations which should also confirm the required storage for the site to meet greenfield runoff rates. As previous	 It should be noted that the original surface water calculations utilised FSR rainfall data and not FEH rainfall data which is now current standard to be used for calculations. 			

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calculations demonstrated that 58.6m3 of storage was required for the site to discharge at a rate of 2 l/s, and the new proposed storage volume is greater than this at 109.2m3.

- Due to the assessment of more appropriate rainfall data in the design, consideration of further design constraints, and more accurate assessment of impermeable catchment on the development, the discharge rate has been reviewed as part of this detailed design.
- As a result of this review the discharge rate has been increased from 2l/s to 5l/s to provide sufficient discharge to prevent flooding up to and including the 1:100 year storm event +40% climate change.
- It should be noted that the existing site catchment allows for a 1:2 year discharge rate of 23.9l/s which is unrestricted. The proposed restricted discharge rate of 5l/s for all storm events would present a minimum reduction of 79% in flow rate to public sewer.
- In relation to higher storm intensity events the reduction in flows are even greater The existing 1:30 year discharge rate is 71.7l/s and 1:100 year is 227.1l/s. Therefore the proposed 5l/s restriction presents a 30 year reduction of 93% and a 100 year reduction of 98% compared to existing.
- The surface water calculations have been remodelled utilising FEH rainfall data not considered as part of the outline strategy.
- Attenuation in the form of underground box crates has been provided in the external courtyard area to maximise the space available between foundations and crane base. Due to the level difference (3m) between upper courtyard and lower courtyard areas, the attenuation has been split into two separate units.
- The upper courtyard will have a restricted discharge of 4.5l/s and will provide an attenuation volume of 34.5m3 utilising a 1.6m deep box crate system.
- The lower courtyard will have a restricted discharge of 0.5l/s and will provide an attenuation volume of 7.68m3 utilising a 0.8m deep box crate system.

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3. The applicant should provide a site constraints plan to confirm that there is no further space available for storage on site to reduce runoff rates further.	 Further attenuation volume is provided in the upstream pipework (34.71m3) and manholes (32.31m3) which is total 67.02m3. As a result, total volume provided is circa 109.2 m3. The constraints are shown on dwg CH0011-PEF-CH-XX-DR-C-0550 Proposed Drainage Layout attached to covering email. Since the original RM application, the design for all aspects has progressed and further information on site constraints is identified below: The location of piles, pile caps, ground beams and floor slabs for both ground and basement level is now available which imposes constraints on drainage design. Tree root protection zones have been considered which highlight areas to reduce dig for drainage where possible to do so. Crane base and hoist locations have been identified which further restricts space available for drainage. Utilities will also be required to utilise the same corridors to service the building.
4. As stated by condition 19, the applicant should identify the potential for including blue/green roofs at the site which would provide additional storage volume.	- Green roofs are proposed as per original planning dwgs.
5. Updated calculations must be provided once the proposed runoff rate has agreed, and updated storage volumes to confirm that these are sufficient to manage runoff from the site and conform to Defra's Non-Statutory Standards for SuDS.	- See 1 & 2 above.

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To address the above, please can the applicant submit information which:

Camden Council – Requested Information	Pell Frischmann - Response
Confirms that the permeable paving and green roof included in the approved full application is still proposed. Demonstrates the remodelled calculations, and confirms the required storage to meet	 Permeable paving and green roofs are proposed. See 1 & 2 above.
8. Shows in a drawing where the constraints are on site in terms of providing additional storage, and confirms that all options have been explored.	 See 2 above. Blue roofs have been explored but discounted to below conclusions which is not exhaustive: a) additional loads b) additional buildup depths c) maintenance issues and safe working platforms. d) Green roofs provide a better aesthetically pleasing appearance and better biodiversity amenity than a covered blue roof.
 Confirms the potential for including blue/green roofs on site, and how much storage this may provide. 	- See 4 & 8 above.
10. Shows finalised calculations once the proposed runoff rate has been agreed following confirmation of the above points, which shows the updated storage volumes provided and demonstrates that the application conforms to Defra's Non-Statutory Standards for SuDS.	- See 1 & 2 above.

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The response requests more information before recommending approval for the following reasons:

Camden Council - Requested	Pell Frischmann - Response
Information	
11. The proposed discharge rate does not achieve the required greenfield runoff rate and does not prove that it is not possible to achieve greenfield run off rates.	- See 1 & 2 above.
12. The drainage layouts provided do not include the outfalls and levels of all the drainage features proposed. Details of the green and blue roofs should be submitted, showing the 150mm substrate.	- See 2 above.
13. The application does not comply with Defra's Non-Statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage.	- See 1 & 2 above
14. No maintenance plan has been submitted.	A Maintenance plan is now attached to covering email for review.
15. Consent for the proposed discharge point connection has not been provided and this is required.	The site already benefits from an existing connection to the public combined sewer for both foul and surface water.
	 A S106 connection application will be submitted to Thames Water for approval in due course.
	- Based on point 1. Above, it is anticipated that TW will have no objection to providing lower runoff rates for all storm events to the public sewer compared to existing flow rates.
	 Furthermore, TW have previously stated sufficient capacity for the development plans via pre planning enquiry.

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This note has been written in response to the LLFA response provided by London Borough of Camden in relation to condition 19 (SuDS) of the planning application for a site at Chester Road Hostel dated 15th November 2024.

London Borough of Lewisham – Requested Information	Pell Frischmann - Response		
Confirms the costing details for the proposed green roof.	MS to confirm?		
Demonstrates the location of the green roof in the Drainage Layout.	The drainage layout shows ground floor and basement level floor plans to pick up the SVPs and RWPs and no roof plan is shown. For details of the green roof please refer to WGI drawings for green roof location and specification.		
Justifies why permeable paving is no longer proposed.	 The site investigation report highlighted the following reasons for permeable paving not to be a viable option: A) Made ground encountered overlaying London clay formation. B) Soils categorised as 'High volume change potential' and requiring anti-heave measures. C) High groundwater at 1.8 to 2.2m BGL in summer which is expected to rise in winter. D) The results of the in-situ permeability test indicated an apparent permeability or soil infiltration rate of between 1.68 x 10-8 m/sec and 1.02 x 10-8 m/sec within the boreholes. This soil infiltration rates lie within the range of published data on the border of fissured and weather clays to intact clays and are classed as being of very low permeability material with poor to practically impervious drainage characteristics. 		
	This information was provided in 2a of the SuDS proforma.		

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4. Shows within the calculations that FEH 2022 rainfall data has been used, that the full site area has been included (2282m²), and that the attenuation tanks and green roof have been modelled.

The planning approved scheme was based on FSR rainfall data and accepted by LLFA May 2021. The updated drainage strategy utilises FEH 2013 data within MicroDrainage software which is accepted industry wide. This is an overall improvement to the planning approved scheme.

The total impermeable area has been included in the calculations. There are permeable landscape areas and tree pits etc which are not included in the calculations as these areas will percolate at surface level soils and irrigate the landscape.

Attenuation tanks have been included in the model calculations. Green roofs have not been modelled as the design process for green roofs is the ability to slow down runoff to surface water network but for the storm calculations all green roofs must be treated as saturated as to ensure no flooding in the network for the 1:100 year storm event +40% CC.

5. Shows that the proposed attenuation volumes are reflective across the SuDS Proforma, Drainage Layout and calculations.

The volumes of attenuation are reflective on all formats:

SuDS Proforma – 109.2m3

Drainage Layout – Attenuation tanks = 42.18m3, pipework = 34.71m3, Manholes = 32.31m3 Total = 109.2m3.

Calculations - Attenuation tanks = 42.18m3, pipework = 34.71m3, Manholes = 32.31m3 Total = 109.2m3.

6. Demonstrates that detailed maintenance tasks and frequencies have been provided for the green roof, attenuation tanks, and Hydro-Brakes.

Details for maintenance of attenuation tanks and Hydrobrakes provided in CH0011-PEF-CH-XX-RP-C-0601 Chester Road Maintenance Plan previously issued.

The green roof is not specified by Pell Frischmann and therefore all maintenance requirements will need to be provided by WGI / green roof supplier.

 Names the management company responsible for maintenance of the SuDS components. MS to confirm who will be responsible for maintenance after building handover?

Appendix B

Chester Road Hostel

Drainage Maintenance Plan

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1.1 Maintenance and Adoption...... 1

1.1 Maintenance and Adoption

- 1.1.1 For the proposed surface and foul water drainage system to function correctly, it will need to be appropriately maintained. It is proposed that the drainage features on site are to remain private and to be maintained by a management company.
- 1.1.2 The maintenance schedule for the drainage network serving the redevelopment must be comprehensive and detail the specific maintenance requirements for each element of the drainage system. The CIRIA SuDS Manual has extensive information relating to the maintenance of SuDS which should be consulted when specifying the requirements.
- 1.1.3 For pipes, manholes and gullies, both general best practice and specific manufacturer maintenance protocols should be followed.
- 1.1.4 Requirements for the ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure should form part of the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) manual for the site, clearly detailing the extent of responsibility and features to be maintained. Any specialist or proprietary products specified should have a manufacturer specific maintenance regime which should be included. It is envisaged that the O&M manual will be developed at the detailed design stage. A summary of general best practice maintenance is given in the table below:

Drainage Item	General Requirements	Frequency
Channel Drains	Clean litter/debris from surface	3 Monthly
	Clean and jet as required	12 Monthly
Hydrobrake Manholes	Check of all inlets, outlets, vents and overflows to ensure that they are in good condition and operating as designed.	12 Monthly
Gullies	Clean litter/debris from surface	3 Monthly
	Clean and jet as required	12 Monthly
Drainage pipework	Clean and jet as required	12-18 Monthly
Inspection Chambers / Catchpits / Manholes / Rodding Eyes	Remove cover to check for any sign of blockage and clean/jet as required. Empty sumps of all sediment / debris.	12 Monthly
Attenuation Tank Systems	Check of all inlets, outlets, vents and overflows to ensure that they are in good condition and operating as designed.	12-18 Monthly
Internal Floor Gullies (bin stores)	Clean litter/debris from surface	Monthly
	Clean and jet as required	12 Monthly

1.1.5 The drainage design is currently at stage 3 and the full specification of all drainage elements from the chosen manufacturers is unknown. This will be confirmed in due course and the maintenance schedule updated to suit particular requirements of manufacturers. This will be developed through RIBA stages 5 & 6 for full AS BUILT drawings and updated maintenance manual to management company.

- 1.1.6 All drainage elements on site will remain a private network and therefore no easements are required.
- 1.1.7 The majority of the drainage networks are located within external areas with ease of access provided to the maintenance team. The attenuation storage units are located in landscaped areas for ease of access and maintenance.
- 1.1.8 All surface water manholes and access points are external to the building. Some RWPs are located internally from the flat roof areas which will be in accessible locations for rodding.
- 1.1.9 A small number of foul water manholes will need to be located internally due the location of SVPs and to avoid the piled foundations and ground beams. These manholes will be in common areas such as plant rooms, bin stores etc. which will be accessible to the maintenance team. The covers for these manholes will be double sealed recessed covers to allow for floor finishes.
- 1.1.10 The removal transport and disposal of this waste should comply with Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act (1990) (as amended), the statutory guidance 'Waste Duty of Care: Code of Practice 2018' and Environment Agency guidance on the 'Classification and the Assessment of Waste' (October 2021).

Appendix C

