

Mr Taylor 23 Ravenshaw Street London NW6 1NP



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## **Pre-planning enquiry: Confirmation of sufficient capacity**

Dear Mr Taylor,

Thank you for providing information on your development.

## Site: 23 Ravenshaw Street, London, NW6 1NP.

Proposed site: Redevelopment of site for seven flats. Proposed foul water: To discharge via gravity using existing connection to 300mm public combined water sewer in Ravenshaw Street. Proposed surface water: Surface water discharge via gravity limited to 0.6l/s to connect via existing connection to 300mm public combined water sewer in Ravenshaw Street.

We have completed the assessment of the foul water flows and surface water run-off based on the information submitted in your application with the purpose of assessing sewerage capacity within the existing Thames Water sewer network. Foul Water

If your proposals progress in line with the details you've provided, we're pleased to confirm that there will be sufficient sewerage capacity in the adjacent combined water sewer network to serve your development.

This confirmation is valid for 12 months or for the life of any planning approval that this information is used to support, to a maximum of three years.

You'll need to keep us informed of any changes to your design – for example, an increase in the number or density of homes. Such changes could mean there is no longer sufficient capacity.

## **Surface Water**

When developing a site, policy 5.13 of the London Plan and Policy 3.4 of the Supplementary Planning Guidance (Sustainable Design And Construction) states that every attempt should be made to use flow attenuation and SuDS/Storage to reduce the surface water discharge from the site as much as possible.

In accordance with the Building Act 2000 Clause H3.3, positive connection of surface water to a public sewer will only be consented when it can be demonstrated that the hierarchy of disposal methods have been examined and proven to be impracticable. Before we can consider your

surface water needs, you'll need written approval from the lead local flood authority that you have followed the sequential approach to the disposal of surface water and considered all practical means.

The disposal hierarchy being:

- 1. store rainwater for later use.
- 2. use infiltration techniques where possible.
- 3. attenuate rainwater in ponds or open water features for gradual release.
- 4. attenuate rainwater by storing in tanks or sealed water features for gradual release.
- 5. discharge rainwater direct to a watercourse.
- 6. discharge rainwater to a surface water sewer/drain.
- 7. discharge rainwater to the combined sewer.
- 8. discharge rainwater to the foul sewer

Where connection to the public sewerage network is still required to manage surface water flows we will accept these flows at a discharge rate in line with CIRIA's best practice guide on SuDS or that stated within the sites planning approval.

If the above surface water hierarchy has been followed and if the flows are restricted to a rate of 0.6l/s then Thames Water would not have any objections to the proposal.

## What happens next?

Please make sure you submit your connection application, giving us at least 21 days' notice of the date you wish to make your new connection/s.

If you've any further questions, please contact me on 020 3577 9223.

Yours sincerely

Alan Dovey Development Engineer Developer Services – Sewer Adoptions Team

Get advice on making your sewer connection correctly at <u>connectright.org.uk</u> Clearwater Court, Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8DB Find us online at <u>developers.thameswater.co.uk</u>