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Pre-planning enquiry: Confirmation of sufficient capacity

Site Address: 294-295 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7JG

Dear Mr Young,

Thank you for providing information on the proposals to construct 10 flats, 470m² of office space and 249m² of retail space at the above location.

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 sewer 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 sewer network to serve your development.

This is based on the foul water flows being connected to the existing gravity connection from the site that drains to the trunk combined sewer in High Holborn.

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.

Please note that you must 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 sewerage capacity.

Surface Water

Please note that discharging surface water to the public sewer network should only be considered after all other methods of disposal have been investigated and proven to not be viable. In accordance with the Building Act 2000 Clause H3.3, positive connection 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. The disposal hierarchy being: 1st Soakaways; 2nd Watercourses; 3rd Sewers.

Only when it can be proven that soakage into the ground or a connection into an adjacent watercourse is not possible would we consider a restricted discharge into the public combined sewer network via the existing connection from the site.

If the peak surface water run-off discharge is then restricted to a maximum of 5l/s as your drainage strategy indicates, then we would have no objections to the proposals.

Please note that the Local Planning authority may comment on surface water discharge under the planning process.

Please Note

All connection requests are subject to a full Section 106 (Water Industry Act 1991) application before the Company can confirm approval to the connection itself. Please also note that capacity in the public sewerage system cannot be reserved. 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.

Note on trunk sewers: Connecting directly to Trunk sewers can be complex and dangerous, which means we often refuse permission. In this case, you will need to find an alternative sewer or method of discharge. Please contact the Sewer Connections team through our Helpdesk on 0800 009 39 21 for further information.

If Thames Water permits a connection to the trunk sewer, we will insist on carrying out the connection ourselves under Section 107 of the Water Industry Act. We would advise for you to apply as soon as possible.

The discharge of non-domestic effluent is not permitted until a valid trade effluent consent has been issued by Thames Water. If anything other than domestic sewage is discharged into the public sewers without the above agreement an offence is committed and the applicant will be liable to the penalties contained in Section 109(1) (WIA 1991).

Applicants should contact Trade Effluent prior to seeking a connection approval, to discuss trade effluent consent and conditions of discharge. A Trade Effluent reference number should be obtained and included in the relevant box of the attached application form. The address for Trade Effluent is - Thames Water Utilities Limited, Waste Water Quality, Crossness Sewage Treatment Works, Belvedere Road, Abbeywood, London. SE2 9AQ. Alternatively you can telephone them on 020 8507 4321.

The views expressed by Thames Water in this letter are in response to this pre-planning enquiry at this time and do not represent our final views on any future planning applications made in relation to this site.

Yours sincerely,

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