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Pre-planning enquiry: Confirmation of sufficient capacity

Dear Mr Shambrook,

Thank you for providing information on your development.

Site: Eagle Mews, 146 to 150 Royal College Street, London, NW1 0TA.

Proposed site: Redevelopment of part of site for 4 storey office block 759m².

Proposed foul water: To discharge via gravity to 300mm public combined water sewer in Royal College Street.

Proposed surface water: Surface water discharge to adjacent watercourse.

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.

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.

Connecting to trunk sewers can be complex and dangerous, which means we often refuse permission. In this case, you'd need to find an alternative sewer or method of discharge. Further details can be found on our website : www.developerservices.co.uk. If we permit a connection to the trunk sewer, we'll insist on doing this ourselves under Section 107 of the Water Industry Act.

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 discharged to the adjacent watercourse 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



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Get advice on making your sewer connection correctly at connectright.org.uk

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