

As a Risk Management Authority (RMA) operating in the area in question, it is important that our concerns and comments are taken into consideration.

We are responsible for water level control, watercourse maintenance, flood risk management and drainage throughout our District, which this site sits partially within.

We have had previous discussions with the applicant/their agents and they are aware of the requirement for Land Drainage Consent from us for any works affecting any watercourse/drainage ditch (or within 8m thereof). We also understand that the applicant is not looking to disapply Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act or our byelaws.

We have made previous recommendations for the applicant to design and install a formal SuDS system rather than relying on infiltration below the panels; this is considered best-practice and will ensure extreme and prolonged rainfall events will not have a detrimental off-site impact. We would like to reiterate this position.

We would also strongly recommend that our approval, in principle, is sought prior to the finalisation of any part of the design that will be within 8m of any watercourse on site, however minor.

Please refer to our website for further information on Land Drainage Consent and our byelaws:

<https://rsidb.org.uk/consents-byelaws/>