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Dear Sir/Madam,

Erection of part two, part three storey retirement living building with 50 apartments, associated communal lounge, house manager's office, external enclosed refuse and electric scooter/cycle stores and sub-station; erection of a pair of detached dwellings; improved vehicular access and new pedestrian access to Winchester Road, internal roads, car parking and hard and soft landscaping at OAK COTTAGE, WINCHESTER ROAD, BOTLEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO32 2DH(Application No. F/26/101013

Hampshire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority has provided comments in relation to the above application in our role as statutory consultee on surface water drainage for major developments.

This response does not reflect the position of Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority. If there is a potential for the drainage features to be offered for adoption, this will need to be discussed separately with Highways development planning as they might not be considered acceptable by the Highway Authority.

In order to assist applicants in providing the correct information to their Local Planning Authority for planning permission, Hampshire County Council has set out the information it requires to provide a substantive response at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/planning>

The County Council has reviewed the following documents relating to the above application:

Director of Universal Services
Patrick Blogg

- Drainage and Flood Risk Statement, SO-2977-03-CE-RP-0500, Revision 07 – February 2026

We are satisfied overall with the submitted drainage strategy but observe the Drainage Schematic Layout SO-2977-03-CE-0505-P02 in Appendix F provides different area values to those used in the calculations. Confirmation of the proposed catchment areas is required to demonstrate network capacity is correctly modelled. We believe there is potential within the site to increase attenuation volumes if necessary so the information can be requested by condition.

We are satisfied with the principles of the development and have no objection but recommend that the following conditions are applied to this application:

1. No development shall begin until a detailed surface water drainage scheme for the site has been submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The submitted details should include:
 - a. A technical summary highlighting any changes to the design from that within the Drainage and Flood Risk Statement.
 - b. Detailed drainage calculations, confirming the proposed impermeable areas, to demonstrate existing runoff rates are not exceeded and there is sufficient attenuation for storm events up to and including 1:100 + climate change.

As a statutory consultee, the County Council has a duty to respond to consultations within **21 days**. The 21 day period will not begin until we have received sufficient information to enable us to provide a meaningful response.

Please ensure all data is sent to us via the relevant Local Planning Authority.

If you require additional guidance on providing the correct information, we recommend you use our **Surface Water Management Pre-application service** which will enable discussions with the reviewing engineer and scope out works that would address the points raised. For full details, please visit: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/planning> and click on [pre-application advice request form](#).

This response has been provided using the best knowledge and information submitted by the applicant as part of the planning application at the time of responding and is reliant on the accuracy of that information.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Glover
Senior FWM Project Officer

General guidance for the application

It is important to ensure that the long-term maintenance and responsibility for Sustainable Drainage Systems is agreed between the Local Planning Authority and the applicant before planning permission is granted. This should involve discussions with those adopting and/or maintaining the proposed systems, which could include the Highway Authority, Planning Authority, Parish Councils, Water Companies and private management companies.

For SuDS systems to be adopted by Hampshire Highways it is recommended that you visit the website at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/developers/constructionstandards> for guidance on which drainage features would be suitable for adoption.

Where the proposals are connecting to an existing drainage system it is likely that the authorities responsible for maintaining those systems will have their own design requirements. These requirements will need to be reviewed and agreed as part of any surface water drainage scheme.

Works in relation to ordinary watercourses

*PLEASE NOTE: If the proposals include works to an ordinary watercourse, under the Land Drainage Act 1991, as amended by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, prior consent from the Lead Local Flood Authority is required. **This consent is required as a separate permission to planning.***

Information on ordinary watercourse consenting can be found at the following link

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/c hangewatercourse>

It is strongly recommended that this information is reviewed before Land Drainage consent application is made.

*For guidance on providing the correct information, we recommend you use our **Ordinary Watercourse Consents Pre-application service** and help avoid delays occurring at the formal application stage. A Pre-application service for Ordinary Watercourse Consents is available, allowing consents to go through in a smoother, often more timely manner. For full information please visit:*

[https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/c
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