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Dear Sir/Madam,

**6 no. covered Padel courts, Padel centre (including Studio, changing areas and refreshments) and associated parking. at MACKOY STADIUM, VT SPORTS GROUND, PORTSMOUTH ROAD, BURSLEDON, SO19 9PW(Application No. F/26/100816**

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:

- Flood Risk Assessment
- Surface Water Drainage Design dated April 26
- Drainage GA Layout 1 of 2 ref: 424686-201 P2
- Drainage GA Layout 2 of 2 ref: 424686-210 P1
- Catchment Areas & Calculation References ref: 424686-200 P2

Director of Universal Services  
**Patrick Blogg**

There is an area of medium and low surface water flood risk on the boundary of the site. Any works in this area risk displacing that element of surface water and provision will need to be made for it elsewhere to ensure downstream flood risk is not increased.

There is a note on the proposed site plan for alterations to an existing bund to allow temporary parking. This is within an area of surface water flood risk and further information would be required to demonstrate this would not increase flood risk to the road before it could be supported. No changes to the topography should be made in this area without supporting assessment in relation to changes to flood risk.

The original proposals utilised infiltration for surface water management but this can only be supported with BRE365 infiltration tests and groundwater monitoring. It is noted that groundwater was encountered at the depths of the infiltration test pits and on this basis, infiltration systems would not be supported in this location.

An alternative design has been provided to demonstrate discharge to a watercourse located to the north of the site.

Further information is required to demonstrate the viability of this options including:

Survey information for the receiving watercourse to demonstrate that the invert levels proposed are viable.

Confirmation of bed and water level within the watercourse.

Updated calculations to demonstrate it is hydraulically achievable and can achieve sufficient pipe gradients and flows.

No information appears to have been provided to address interception requirements or maintenance.

While interception and maintenance information can be provided at a later date, we would recommend that further details are provided at this stage in relation to flood risk, updated calculations and survey information for the watercourse.

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,



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### **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/hangewatercourse>