North Somerset Council Lead Local Flood Authority Checklist for Developers

**Discharge of Condition (surface water drainage)**

# What information should be included at Discharge of Condition (surface water drainage)?

The LLFA are statutory consultees for major development and expect the following to be considered within full planning applications they review to demonstrate that flood risk and surface water drainage is appropriately managed by the proposals. Minor planning applications should also take into account the below, when submitting a planning application.

The proposals will be checked to ensure they comply with:

* National Planning Policy Framework and associated guidance
* Non-statutory technical standards for sustainable drainage systems
* West of England SuDS Developer Guidance
* North Somerset Council Planning Policies and supplementary planning documents:
  + CS2 Delivering sustainable design and construction
  + CS3: Environmental impacts and flood risk assessment
  + CS4: Nature conservation
  + CS9: Green infrastructure
  + Creating sustainable buildings and places Supplementary Planning Document
  + Biodiversity and trees Supplementary Planning Document (watercourse buffers)

| **Check** | **Information Required** | **Reason for Requirement** |
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|  | Site Location Plan | Identify the site location, extents and location of any offsite works |
|  | Proposed Layout Plan(s) including:   * Proposed development layout plan, * Drainage Areas Catchment plan, * Finished Floor and External Levels * Proposed Drainage Layout including level information, and * Exceedance and Overland Flow Route Scheme for the proposed development | Identify flood risk and drainage elements of the proposed development. |
|  | Site-specific Approach to Surface Water Drainage including:   * Consideration of SuDS * Evidence that the drainage hierarchy has been applied. * A simple index approach (CIRIA C753) calculation * Clearly marked discharge location (s) and discharge rates * An explanation of how the volume of discharge will be managed i.e. the approach taken, long term storage or (2 l/s/ha or Qbar) * Spatial arrangement of the required attenuation * Surface water drainage calculations which demonstrate that the proposed development will not be at risk from flooding and will not exacerbate flood risk elsewhere. | To provide evidence that the proposed development has been designed in accordance with National and Local planning policy, with particular regard to the implementation of sustainable drainage (SuDS).  Demonstrate consideration of various types of SuDS within the site appraisal and that water quality, amenity and biodiversity considerations been incorporated within the SuDS proposals. |
|  | Operation & Maintenance including:   * Site specific management and maintenance plan, * Evidence that the proposed layout is adequate to access proposed SuDS or other drainage features (e.g. watercourses) for maintenance * Details of how responsibilities for private assets will be communicated with the purchaser/lessee/renter. | Demonstrate how the operation and maintenance for the surface water drainage strategy including the proposed SuDS features along with any existing drainage features within the site will be undertaken. This should detail how the maintenance requirements will be met and carried out on this specific site and by what organisation or individual. |
|  | Written evidence of agreements in principle from third parties such as Wessex Water, Internal Drainage Boards and owners of other assets or owners of land that maybe needed to be crossed. | To demonstrate that the proposed discharge location is viable and achievable. |

The following table should be filled in and submitted with the application:

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| **Site Characteristics** |  | **Where referenced (Document page no/drawing no etc)** |
| Total Site Area (m2): |  |  |
| Significant public open space (m2): |  |  |
| Existing Impermeable Area (m2): |  |  |
| Proposed Impermeable Area (m2): |  |  |
| Area drained by infiltration (m2): |  |  |
| **Topographic Information** |  |  |
| Maximum site elevation pre and post development (mAOD): |  |  |
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| General slope of the site pre and post development (1 in X): |  |  |
| **Geological information** |  |  |
| Soil type (from FSR, HOST Class from FEH or WRAP map from Wallingford Procedure – specify where from): |  |  |
| Superficial geology classification: |  |  |
| Bedrock geology classification: |  |  |
| Depth to groundwater level (m): |  |  |
| Groundwater source protection zone: |  |  |
| Drinking water protected area: |  |  |
| Lowest non-extrapolated infiltration rate from three tests per test hole (BRE 365): |  |  |
| Ground contamination present: |  |  |
| **Surface water drainage proposals** |  |  |
| Discharge location and hierarchy justification: |  |  |
| **Hydraulics** |  |  |
| Existing Qbar (l/s) |  |  |
| Existing 1 in 1 (l/s) |  |  |
| Existing 1 in 30 (l/s) |  |  |
| Existing 1 in 100 (l/s) |  |  |
| Urban creep percentage: |  |  |
| Climate change amount applied: |  |  |
| Long term storage volume (if applicable): |  |  |
| Attenuation storage volume: |  |  |
| CIRIA SuDS Manual C753 simple index approach undertaken (y/n) |  |  |
| Proposed 1 in 1 (l/s): |  |  |
| Proposed 1 in 30 (l/s): |  |  |
| Proposed 1 in 100 (l/s): |  |  |
| Volume control approach (LTS) or (2 l/s/ha or Qbar) |  |  |
| Submerged outlet? |  |  |
| **Maintenance** |  |  |
| Sufficient space for maintenance of surface water drainage and watercourses? |  |  |
| Details of what organisation or person will be maintaining what: |  |  |
| Site specific management and maintenance plan detailing how the maintenance will be undertaken: |  |  |

**Limitations**

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