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Market Street  
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RG14 5LD

5 January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: THE MALL, THE KENNET CENTRE, -, NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE, RG14 5EN

#### Waste Comments

Thames Water would advise that with regard to FOUL WATER sewerage network infrastructure capacity, we would not have any objection to the above planning application, based on the information provided.

Following initial investigations, Thames Water has identified an inability of the existing SURFACE WATER network infrastructure to accommodate the needs of this development proposal. Thames Water has contacted the developer in an attempt to agree a position for foul water networks but has been unable to do so in the time available and as such Thames Water request that the following condition be added to any planning permission. "The development shall not be occupied until confirmation has been provided that either:- 1. All surface water network upgrades required to accommodate the additional flows from the development have been completed; or- 2. A development and infrastructure phasing plan has been agreed with the Local Authority in consultation with Thames Water to allow development to be occupied. Where a development and infrastructure phasing plan is agreed, no occupation shall take place other than in accordance with the agreed development and infrastructure phasing plan." Reason - Network reinforcement works are likely to be required to accommodate the proposed development. Any reinforcement works identified will be necessary in order to avoid sewage flooding and/or potential pollution incidents. The developer can request information to support the discharge of this condition by visiting the Thames Water website at [thameswater.co.uk/preplanning](https://thameswater.co.uk/preplanning). Should the Local Planning Authority consider the above recommendation inappropriate or are unable to include it in the decision notice, it is important that the Local Planning Authority liaises with Thames Water Development Planning Department (e-mail: [devcon.team@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:devcon.team@thameswater.co.uk)) prior to the planning application approval.

#### Water Comments

There are water mains crossing or close to your development. Thames Water do NOT permit the building over or construction within 3m of water mains. If you're planning significant works near our mains (within 3m) we'll need to check that your development doesn't reduce capacity, limit repair or maintenance activities during and after construction, or inhibit the services we provide in any other way. The applicant is advised to read our guide working near or diverting our pipes. <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/developers/larger-scale-developments/planning-your-development/working-near-our-pipes>

Following initial investigations, Thames Water has identified an inability of the existing water network infrastructure to accommodate the needs of this development proposal. Thames Water have contacted the developer in an attempt to agree a position on water networks but have been unable to do so in the time available and as such Thames Water request that the following condition be added to any planning permission. No development shall be occupied until confirmation has been provided that either:- all water network upgrades required to accommodate the additional demand to serve the development have been completed; or - a development and infrastructure phasing plan has been agreed with Thames Water to allow development to be occupied. Where a development and infrastructure phasing plan is agreed no occupation shall take place other than in accordance with the agreed development and infrastructure phasing plan. Reason - The development may lead to no / low water pressure and network reinforcement works are anticipated to be necessary to ensure that sufficient capacity is made available to accommodate additional demand anticipated from the new development” The developer can request information to support the discharge of this condition by visiting the Thames Water website at [thameswater.co.uk/preplanning](https://www.thameswater.co.uk/preplanning). Should the Local Planning Authority consider the above recommendation inappropriate or are unable to include it in the decision notice, it is important that the Local Planning Authority liaises with Thames Water Development Planning Department (e-mail: [devcon.team@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:devcon.team@thameswater.co.uk)) prior to the planning application approval.

### Supplementary Comments

Thames Water have concerns with the high volumes of proposed surface water discharge to the Thames Water surface water network. Thames Water ask that the developer contact the LLFA to ensure that the maximum possible reduction in surface water flow has been achieved. Thames Water would advise that with regards to surface water sewerage infrastructure, if the existing flow regime can be verified to confirm that the proposed flows are a reduction, then we would not have any concern regarding the proposed development. If the existing flow regime cannot be verified or in the case of green field sites, then in accordance with the Building Act 2000 clause H3.3. Positive connection to a public surface water will only be consented when it can be demonstrated that the hierarchy of disposal methods have been examined and proven to be impracticable. The disposal hierarchy being ; - 1st Soakaways; 2nd Watercourses; 3rd Sewer. When no other connection is feasible we would allow Greenfield Run runoff rate. A maximum discharge rate of 5 l/s/ha of the undeveloped site shall be applied within any development proposals. Any flows generated above this figure will have to be attenuated on site.

Yours faithfully  
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