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**RE: 6/2018/2957/COND – Queenswood School, Shepherds Way, Brookmans Park, Hatfield, AL9 6NS**

Dear David,

Thank you for your consultation in relation to the above planning application for the Submission of details pursuant to condition 6 (SuDS Management and Maintenance Plan) on planning permission 6/2016/2675/MAJ, dated 20/07/2017, at Queenswood School, Shepherds Way, Brookmans Park, Hatfield, AL9 6NS.

**Condition 6 states:**

*Upon completion of the drainage works an updated management and maintenance plan for the all the Sustainable Urban Drainage Strategy features and structure must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and shall include arrangements for adoption and any other arrangements to secure the operation of the scheme throughout its lifetime. The approved details shall be implemented and retained for the lifetime of the development.*

*REASON: To prevent the increased risk of flooding, both on and off site, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.*

We advise the LPA that the information submitted in support of condition 6 in relation to surface water does not comply with the requirements set out in condition 6. Therefore, we recommend to the LPA not to discharge condition 6.

We note that the applicant has submitted an updated maintenance plan. However, it is unclear who will be responsible for maintenance of the ditches, which are the final receptor of surface water run-off discharge from the site. As the LLFA, we are concerned about that. We would advise that the applicant should clarify this prior to condition 6 being discharged.

## **Informative to the LPA**

The LPA will need to be satisfied that proposed drainage scheme will be maintained and managed for the lifetime of the development.

Should the LPA decide not to discharge condition 6 and require further information from the applicant, we would be happy to offer any further advice on any subsequent information received by the LPA.

Please note if the LPA decide to grant planning permission we wished to be notified for our records should there be any subsequent surface water flooding that we may be required to investigate as a result of the new development.

Yours sincerely,

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