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Dear Sir/Madam,

Erection of 90 dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and improved access. at Proposed Development site (former Electricity Board site), Bartons Road, Havant. (Application No. APP/25/00639)

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>

HCC as LLFA were consulted previously on this application and provided comments in our letters dated 21st October 2025 and 21st January 2026. We have been reconsulted following receipt of updated information.

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

- Letter to LLFA – Charles and Associates 27.01.26

Director of Universal Services
Patrick Blogg

- Surface Water Flooding Depths 24-097-019 Charles and Associates Jan 2026
- Surface Water Flooding Depths EA Mapping 24-097-020 Charles and Associates Jan 2026
- Consultation Response – Southern Water 04.02.26

Following review of the above document HCC as LLFA has the following comments:

The submitted plans show the Environment Agency surface water flood map for depths which show the chance of flooding beyond the stated depth (for example 20cm). Areas with a chance of flooding below the stated depth is not shown. Shallow floods and shallow surface water flow routes are not shown. We recommend the EA Surface water flood map for flood extent is reviewed when preparing a flood risk assessment, as it is useful in identifying potential shallow (greater than 75mm depth) surface water flow routes. The EA flood extent map indicates the risk of significant surface water flow routes within the site boundary that are in continuity with the flow route outside the site boundary to the North and the area of high risk of surface water flooding in the Southeast corner of the site. Our comments are based on this surface water flood extents map, as stated in our previous letters. The effects of flow routes through the site must be taken into consideration, even at shallow depths, flood flows can generate large volumes of flood water over time. The LLFA do not believe this risk has been addressed in terms of the risk to the proposed development, or the possible effect on risk to areas outside of the site. Flow from outside of the site could also interact with and reduce capacity in the proposed surface water drainage system.

We previously requested confirmation of approval from Southern Water for the proposed surface water connection to the public sewer. We note that this has been provided in the response to Havant Borough Council in Southern Water Letter dated 4th February 2026.

Our concerns regarding surface water flood risk within the site remain. The EA maps indicate that significant areas of the site are subject to risk of flooding from surface water.

Based on the information that has been provided, the LLFA do not believe flood risk has been adequately assessed.

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

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>