

Consultation Response from KC, Lead Local Flood Authority
2023/93667 Storthes Hall Student Village, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0WA
Outline application for demolition of buildings and erection of residential development (up to 261 dwellings), redevelopment of Lodge Cottage for residential use and associated works
Date Responded: 24 th July 2024 Responding Officer: Paul Farndale Responding Ref:

Kirklees Flood Management & Drainage acting as Lead Local Flood Authority continue to OBJECT to this application on the grounds of flood risk.

A submission on flood routing attempts to address concerns around localised low spot and provides more information as requested for plots 40/41, 17/18, 212, and 71.

However, flood routing relies on going through curtilage or provides little and inadequate freeboard for ponding in the road. This shows that the layout was not designed with flood routing in mind and 'making space for water'. Instead, an attempt to create a flood route using the layout is presented and creates risk as a result. Small cul-de-sacs are omitted from this assessment if they are separated in terms of direction of flow from other estate roads.

We therefore feel that this unacceptable compromise and the design layout should be based around safe routes to provide the best solution, not the converse. This is consistent with Kirklees's approach to all major sites. Curtilage should be avoided, and road network and open space positioned and utilised for flood routing.