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Environment Agency

Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council
Development Management

**Our ref:** RA/2025/148458/02-L01
**Your ref:** 2025/91370

**Date:** 2 March 2026

Sent via email

Dear Planning Team

**Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 50 dwellings with associated access, infrastructure and associated works**

**Land at, Gynn Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6LF**

Thank you for consulting us on the above.

**Environment Agency position**
We have no objection. Please note the following.

**Flood Risk**
We have reviewed the updated FRA and proposals and our previous comments reference RA/2025/148458/01-L01, dated 10 July 2025 still apply.

We note that the proposed development involves culverting an ordinary watercourse. We are generally opposed to culverting watercourses due to the detrimental impacts on flood risk and the environment, and therefore recommend that the applicant considers a clear span bridge rather than a culvert. However, as the watercourse in question is an ordinary watercourse, we do not formally object to the proposed development and defer to the Lead Local Flood Authority for comment.

**Note to LPA**
**Decision notice**
In accordance with the planning practice guidance (determining a planning application, paragraph 019), please notify us by email within two weeks of a decision being made or application withdrawn. Please provide us with a URL of the decision notice, or an electronic copy of the decision notice or outcome.

Please note that our comments are based on the details available to us at the time of writing. If any subsequent changes are made to the application, please reconsult us.

Should you have any queries regarding this response, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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