Consultation Response from KC, **Lead Local Flood Authority**
2025/93355 Land off, Woodward Court, Mirfield, WF14 0PY
Erection of 75 residential dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, highways and drainage infrastructure
Date Responded: 17th April 2026 **Responding Officer: Paul Farndale** **Responding Ref: 2**

Further to our comments of March 26th 2026 and pre-planning enquiry comments:-

All points remain with the following updates:

- Updated Yorkshire Water comments now state: The proposed point of discharge of foul water to the public 150/225mm diameter combined sewer in Hepworth Lane and therefore an objection based on capacity grounds has been removed and a right to connect established.

- Yorkshire Water's suggested condition that the site **shall be** constructed in accordance with Eastwood Consultant Engineers Drainage Assessment **should not be used**. Yorkshire Water does not have the authority to approve infiltration schemes to the Local Planning Authority as it is not the Land Drainage Authority. The LLFA is the statutory consultee for surface water drainage and flood risk and the Flood Management Department acts as the Land Drainage Authority for the area. We currently do not support this methodology until satisfied that risk has been fully assessed. We do recognise that Yorkshire Water would not object to the principle of using soakaways on any site as it is preferable in the surface water hierarchy of disposal **IF** it is proved to be viable.

- It is clear from a recent Lithos submission that further testing, drilling and grouting of mine workings is expected including for an area around the proposed infiltration basin. We believe grouting and capping would affect previous infiltration results as voids are filled. The National Coal Authority should comment on the effects of soakaways on mine workings both in terms of distorting testing and long-term suitability of using this method.

- We recommend that Kirklees Local Planning Authority takes independent geotechnical advice on this matter.

- As stated previously, establishing a suitable connection for surface water off site (PLAN B) is the only instance where we would recommend conditional approval as there would be an agreed drainage method available to take this forward even with on going research for infiltration techniques.