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Dear Sir/Madam,

Spinksmire Mill, Huddersfield Road, Meltham, Holmfirth - (KIRK) Demolition of existing building and erection of industrial building

Thank you for consulting Yorkshire Water regarding the above proposed development. We have the following comments:





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If planning permission is to be granted, the following condition should be attached in order to protect the local aquatic environment and Yorkshire Water infrastructure:

There shall be no piped discharge of surface water from the development prior to the completion of surface water drainage works, details of which will have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. If discharge to public sewer is proposed, the information shall include, but not be exclusive to:-

a) evidence to demonstrate that surface water disposal via infiltration or watercourse are not reasonably practical;

b) evidence of existing positive drainage to public sewer and the current points of connection; and

c) the means of restricting the discharge to public sewer to the existing rate less a minimum 30% reduction, based on the existing peak discharge rate during a 1 in 1 year storm event, to allow for climate change.

(To ensure that no surface water discharges take place until proper provision has been made for its disposal and in the interest of sustainable drainage)

No development shall take place until details of the proposed means of disposal of foul water drainage for the whole site, including details of any balancing works, off-site works and phasing of the necessary infrastructure, have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. Furthermore, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, no buildings shall be occupied or brought into use prior to completion of the approved foul drainage works.

(To ensure that no foul water discharges take place until proper provision has been made for their disposal)

Yorkshire Water (YWS) encourages sustainable development, which includes ensuring appropriate surface water disposal to prevent unnecessary hydraulic loading. Volume arising from surface water flows can be many times greater than the foul flows from the same development. As a result they have the potential to use up a significant hydraulic capacity in our infrastructure. If we can minimise surface water flows entering the public sewer, we are able to significantly manage the impact of development on wastewater infrastructure and minimise the risk of flooding.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the principle of sustainable drainage, while the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) and National Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) establish a hierarchy for surface water disposal. This hierarchy





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prioritises 1. Rainwater harvesting (non-potable use) 2. Infiltration to ground 3. Discharge to above ground SW body 4. Discharge to SW sewer 5. Discharge to combined sewer. YWS seeks to promote this hierarchy in collaboration with Local Planning Authorities and developers to improve water quality and reduce flood risk.

If other methods of surface water disposal are not viable and subject to providing satisfactory evidence as to why they have been discounted, curtilage surface water discharges to the public sewer will be restricted to the level of run-off – i.e. same rate of discharge – to that from the existing use of the site less a 30% reduction in the existing discharge. Any discharge of surface water from the site should discharge to similar points of connection to that of the existing use of the site. You will need to demonstrate positive drainage, based on a 1 in 1 year storm, to the public sewer to Yorkshire Water by means of investigation and calculation carried out at your expense. -

To do this, Yorkshire Water requires to see existing drainage layouts with pipe sizes, gradients, gullies, downpipes and connection points, measured impermeable areas of the present use of the site, along with the calculations that show the existing discharge rate from the site to the public sewer.

The developer is required to consult with Yorkshire Water's Trade Effluent team (telephone 03451 242424) on any proposal to discharge trade effluent to the public sewer network.

Under the provisions of section 111 of the Water Industry Act 1991 it is unlawful to pass into any public sewer (or into any drain or private sewer communicating with the public sewer network) any items likely to cause damage to the public sewer network interfere with the free flow of its contents or affect the treatment and disposal of its contents. Amongst other things this includes fat, oil, nappies, bandages, syringes, medicines, sanitary towels and incontinence pants. Contravention of the provisions of section 111 is a criminal offence.

Yours faithfully

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