

**Consultation Response from KC,
Lead Local Flood Authority**

2025/93543 land at, former Clough Mill, Clough Road, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5DB

Erection of 33 dwellings (c3) with access from Clough Road and associated works including engineering operations, construction of retaining walls and landscaping

**Date Responded: 31st March 2026
Responding Officer: Paul Farndale
Responding Ref: 1**

Kirklees Food Management & Drainage Requires FURTHER INFORMATION before we can support this application with appropriate conditions.

The submitted flood risk assessment by Haigh Huddleston Associates dated December 2025 is comprehensive and accepted.

A 4.5l/s discharge rate is accepted. The exact position and level of outfall should attempt to prevent a surcharged outfall. Crimble Clough in this area floods regularly and affects several downstream businesses. The current trash screen system requires regular maintenance and blocks easily. A new coarse screen has been added in an attempt to capture debris at an earlier stage. *We would expect an analysis of a total blockage scenario on the main screen and coarse screen, and an examination of the weir level where water escapes down the highway, and how this relates to the level of the connection.* (This aspect can be conditioned).

The FRA has calculated the size of attenuation needed. It has demonstrated that space is available and therefore detailed design can be secured by condition. *The r value need to be 2.8-3.0 for this area. It is currently stated as 4.0.* (This aspect can be picked up with detailed calculations via condition).

The FRA notes that flows onto and within the site caused ponding and waterlogged near the existing retaining wall. Also, that water worked its way into redundant pipework which was broken causing flooding at Crowther Close. **Land Drainage/Interceptor drainage is required for the perimeter of the back of the site. This will need to be managed by a management company. A provisional scheme is required to be shown on a plan.**

The FRA mentions the former mill pond needs a survey to examine where incoming and outgoing pipes were and to trace it back upstream. This could well be linked to the problem with water coming out of the retaining wall. **The research needs to be carried out prior supporting the application as stand off distances or diversions may be required that affect layout.**

Section 106

Although the discharge rate will not increase flood risk in terms of flow in the watercourse, the receiving system is currently problematic with several flood incidents affecting various businesses downstream. It is important that local improvements are made for the greater good of the local residents and businesses. The receiving watercourse will have to deal with the new increased volume of water positively connected from site. It is also likely to contribute more debris/rubbish to the watercourse that could add to risk of trash screen blockages. Although not an objection, we propose to the planning officer that for this site, a proportion of section 106 monies, to be discussed and agreed, comes to the LLFA for downstream improvements. This can include trash screen upgrades, additional coarse screens, new storm gullies to get water back into the culvert, road alterations to create safer downstream flood routing.