



In August 2024, WildFish wrote to 35 Local Planning Authorities (LPAs). We received substantive responses from 26.

We asked the LPAs the following questions:

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration.
2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications.
3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows.
4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice).
5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years.
6. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years.
7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes, and rivers (in particular, in protected sites).
8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively on flow in rivers or lake levels.
9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

Their responses are included below.

Planning and Development

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WildFish
fao Dr Neal

sent via email

Our Ref: WildFish Water Resources and sewage capacity as material considerations

Date: Monday, 28 October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Water Resources and sewage capacity as material considerations

We are writing in reference to the letter dated 5 August 2024 regarding water resources and sewage capacity within Ashford borough and the weight these issues are given as part of determining planning applications.

The Council is committed to delivering high quality environments which conserve and enhance the borough's natural environment including landscapes, biodiversity and promoting a connected green and blue infrastructure network that plays a role in managing flood risk, deliver net gains in biodiversity and improves access to nature.

In February 2019, the Council adopted the Local Plan 2030 which forms a core component of the Council's Development Plan for determining planning applications within the borough. Within the Local Plan there are multiple planning policies which are specifically focused on issues such as water availability, sewerage connections and water usage.

A copy of the Local Plan 2030 is available to view at: <https://www.ashford.gov.uk/local-plan>

As part of the letter dated 5 August 2024, information was requested on specific matters. The Council's response to these matters is provided in Appendix 1.

If you have any further questions, please contact 01233 330229, or e-mail planning.policy@ashford.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Director of Planning & Development



Appendix 1

Question 1: The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration.

During the period 1 October 2022 to 1 October 2024, the Local Planning Authority has granted planning permission for 993 dwellings. The full list of developments granted are included in Table 1.

All development proposals are required in accordance with adopted Local Plan policy ENV8 (*Water Quality, Supply and Treatment*) to provide a connection to the sewerage system at the nearest point of adequate capacity, wherever feasible.

A copy of the Local Plan policy is set out on page 285 of the Local Plan (available to view at <https://www.ashford.gov.uk/local-plan>)

Question 2: Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications

Within the borough, developers are required to work in collaboration with service providers, including wastewater treatment companies, to ensure that sewerage system infrastructure is delivered in parallel with development. As set out in paragraph 9.75 of the adopted Local Plan 2030 'new residential and commercial development will be permitted only if sufficient capacity is either available, or can be provided in time to serve it'.

Question 3: Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows

The Council may choose to consult water undertakers, such as South East Water and Southern Water, when issues such as capacity in the sewerage system may be of concern or where significant infrastructure is required. This is typically on the large-scale major housing and economic development applications.

The Council also works with South East Water and Southern Water as part of the Local Plan preparation to identify and address infrastructure provision requirements as part of the proposed development. This information is fed into the site allocations in the Local Plan and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which accompanies the Local Plan. The Council has just commenced work on a new Local Plan to 2042 and will continue to engage with key stakeholders on matters such as water availability and quality.

Question 4: The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice)

Planning applications typically contain planning conditions requiring the submission of foul and surface water drainage strategies prior to commencement of the development.



Conditions requiring verification reports of the implementation of the foul and surface water drainage are also required to confirm that the drainage strategies have been implemented correctly.

In terms of specific conditions relating to the delivery of significant sewage infrastructure, e.g. the construction of new Wastewater Treatment Plants, one planning application (granted at appeal) has been granted which requires the delivery of an onsite Wastewater Treatment Plant. As part of this planning permission, details of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, including implementation plans, are required as part of future Reserved Matters application and included as pre-commencement conditions. The details are given below.

Planning application: 15/00856/AS

Address: Land at Pound Lane, Magpie Hall Road, Bond Lane and, Ashford Road, Kingsnorth, Kent

Description: Outline application for a development comprising of up to 550 dwellings in a mix of size, type and tenure. Provision of local recycling facilities. Provision of areas of formal and informal open space. Installation of utilities, infrastructure to serve the development including flood attenuation, surface water attenuation, water supply, waste water facilities, gas supply, electricity supply (including sub-station, telecommunications infrastructure and renewable energy). Transport infrastructure including highway improvements in the vicinity of Ashford Road/Magpie Hall Road/Steeds Lane, Pound Lane and Bond Lane, plus an internal network of roads and junctions, footpaths and cycle routes. New planting and landscaping both within the proposed development and on its boundaries as well as ecological enhancement works. Associated groundworks.

****SUBJECT TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT****

Question 5: The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years

The adopted Local Plan policy ENV8 (Water Quality, Supply and Treatment) requires that ‘major proposals for new development must be able to demonstrate that there are, or will be adequate water supply ...’. Water supply provision and capacity within the existing network is a material consideration and major development proposals are required to demonstrate that the capacity is available or the relevant infrastructure can be delivered to accommodate the growth.

Since 1 October 2022, planning permission has been granted for 10 major housing schemes. Each of these schemes were required to comply with Local Plan policy ENV8.

A list of the major housing schemes granted planning permission in that period are set out below:

19/01206/AS	London Beach Golf Club, Ashford Road, St. Michaels, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6HX	Full planning permission for a detached 3-storey building containing 12 x 2 bedroom flats for active retirees with associated parking and landscaping (amended scheme)
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21/01284/AS; OTH/2022/3156 (10/03/23)	Land between, 82-120 Front Road, Woodchurch	Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access into the site - For the erection of up to 40 dwellings (including affordable housing), structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water flood mitigation, vehicular access point and associated ancillary works
21/01361/AS	Land North East of 74, North Street, Biddenden, Ken	Outline planning application (to consider access) for up to 50 dwellings (including 40% affordable housing), community orchard and allotments, informal public open space, sustainable drainage system, vehicular access point and associated ancillary works.
22/00249/AS	Henwood Car Park, Henwood, Ashford, Kent	Erection of 23 no. residential dwellings for short-stay accommodation with associated access, parking, landscaping and amenity space
22/00226/AS	Site Containers at, Woodchurch House, Brook Street, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, TN26 3SN	Erection of a two storey building comprising 10 housing with care units (class C2) and 10 parking parking spaces
21/00627/AS	Land rear of 7 to 14 Harmers Way, Egerton, TN27 9DN	Erection of 13 dwellings together with all necessary infrastructure
PA/2022/2851	Land East of Ashford Road, Kingsnorth	Outline application for up to 15 dwellings, a replacement Medical Centre and Pharmacy, together with all necessary infrastructure to consider access.
15/00856/AS	Land at Pound Lane, Magpie Hall Road, Bond Lane and, Ashford Road, Kingsnorth, Kent	Outline application for a development comprising of up to 550 dwellings in a mix of size, type and tenure. Provision of local recycling facilities. Provision of areas of formal and informal open space. Installation of utilities, infrastructure to serve the development including flood attenuation, surface water attenuation, water supply, waste water facilities, gas supply, electricity supply (including sub-station, telecommunications infrastructure and renewable energy). Transport infrastructure including highway improvements in the vicinity of Ashford Road/Magpie Hall Road/Steeds Lane, Pound Lane and Bond Lane, plus an internal network of roads and junctions, footpaths and cycle routes. New planting and landscaping both within the proposed development and on its

		boundaries as well as ecological enhancement works. Associated groundworks. **SUBJECT TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**
19/01232/AS	Land south-west of junction of, Bullfinch Avenue, Finberry, Sevington, Ashford	Outline application for a mixed use local centre scheme comprising up to 63 residential dwellings, up to four retail units (comprising a convenience foodstore (A1) and up to three A1/A2/A3/A5 units) and a public house (A4), with associated parking. All matters reserved except for site access
PA/2023/0704	Land to the South East of High Tree Lodge, Buck Street, Challock	Residential development for up to 13no dwellings with associated; access, layout, landscaping, scale and appearance

Question 6: The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years.

The Council seeks advice on planning applications where required from South East Water (water supplier for the borough) if there are anticipated issues relating to water resource availability. If the consultee comments raise issues about water resource availability, these matters are considered as part of the determination of the planning application.

The Council has not granted any planning permissions where a Grampian condition has been attached to the planning permission to address water resource issues in the period 1 October 2022 – 1 October 2024.

Question 7: Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites)

The Council may choose to consult water undertakers, such as South East Water and Southern Water, when issues such as capacity in the potable water supply may be of concern or where significant infrastructure implementation is required. This is typically on the major housing and economic development applications.

The Council also works with South East Water and Southern Water as part of the Local Plan preparation to identify and address infrastructure provision requirements as part of the proposed development. This information is fed into the site allocations in the Local Plan and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which accompanies the Local Plan. The Council has just commenced work on a new Local Plan to 2042 and will continue to engage with key stakeholders on matters such as water availability and quality.

Question 8: Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure



that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.

Paragraph 9.79 of the adopted Local Plan sets out that 'new development must ensure that there are no direct or indirect adverse effects on the quality of water sources in the borough'. In some cases, appropriate mitigation measures will need to be put in place to minimise the impact of proposed development on the water environment.

The Local Plan also contains specific planning policies relating to groundwater. Local Plan policy ENV8 (*Water Quality, Supply and Treatment*) in the adopted Local Plan 2030 requires development schemes to consider the impact of the proposed development on the quality and quantity of groundwater resources. Development schemes will not be permitted where there is a reduction in the quality or quantity of groundwater resources, this may include factors such as impacts on groundwater protection zones or zones used for water abstraction.

Additionally, legislation such as the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) requires the Local Planning Authority to consider impacts of the development on environmental quality, and to identify where any mitigation is required.

Question 9: Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

As previously stated, the Local Plan 2030 was adopted in 2019, following a successful examination. The adopted Local Plan includes a range of strategic policies, development management policies and site allocations which address water-related issues such as water quality and quantity as well as delivering infrastructure to accommodate the proposed growth. As part of the examination of the Local Plan, the Inspectors considered that suitable infrastructure would be delivered and that the strategic policies sufficiently addressed matters such as water quality and availability.

The Council is also in the process of preparing a new Local Plan which will aim to deliver sustainable development for the borough up to 2042. The emerging Local Plan will need to take into account factors such as the environment and infrastructure demands/capacity. As part of this work to prepare the new Local Plan, the Council will be working with key stakeholders such as Southern Water and South East Water, to identify the key constraints and what requirements new development will place on the existing and proposed infrastructure.

All updates relating to the emerging Local Plan are set out on the Council's website at: <https://www.ashford.gov.uk/emerging-local-plan>



From: Freedom of Information <foi@basingstoke.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 October 2024 14:45
To: justin@wildfish.org
Cc: info@wildfish.org
Subject: FOI 708/24 Capacity - sewage and abstraction. - 24/01800/EN10
Attachments: LPA Letter from WildFish (1.10 MB)

Dear Dr Justin Neal,

Further to your recent request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, **we confirm we do hold the information requested. Please find our response below:-**

Our response,

Sewage

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;

I can confirm the council holds this information, but it is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act on the basis that it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The information is published on our website at the link provided below:

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2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;

Sewerage undertakers are consulted on applications and would be considered on a case by case basis. Relevant development within the River Test or Itchen catchments are not determined until they can deliver Nutrient Neutrality.

3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;

Water Supply and Waste Water Companies are consulted on major applications for new housing/commercial developments

4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);

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Abstraction

5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years;

We consult/liaise with the water companies through the local plan process to ensure impact of new development is taken into account and that water can be supplied through water infrastructure planning and abstraction is not currently a barrier to development

6. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years;

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7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites);

The council consults local water companies in the production of its Water Cycle Study which forms part of the evidence base for the Local Plan, and throughout the development of the Local Plan, including on draft site allocation proposals. The council also liaises with the water companies on their Water Resource Management Plans to ensure that proposed development is considered through their water resource planning and investment.

8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.

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Local Plan

9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

The Local Plan includes a number of policies relating to water and water quality and was developed in light of a Water Cycle Study which considered water supply and water treatment. The Local Plan was developed in liaison with the Environment Agency and water companies. It includes Policy C6

(Infrastructure) that requires that new development provides and contributes toward the provision of infrastructure to meet the needs and requirements expected to arise from development. This includes ‘demonstrating that there is adequate water supply, surface water drainage, foul drainage and sewage treatment capacity both on and off site to service the development. Necessary improvements to sewerage water treatment infrastructure are the responsibility of the water companies and need to be completed prior to occupation of the development. This is to ensure that such infrastructure is in place to avoid unacceptable impacts on the environment such as sewage flooding of residential and commercial property and pollution of land and watercourses’ (supporting text to policy). Policy EM6 protects water quality and policy EM9 requires sustainable water use through water efficiency standards in new homes and non-residential development. Policy SS4 ensures that development sites are only released when monitoring indicates that water quality is protected.

Adopted Local Plan 2011-2029 (basingstoke.gov.uk)

As part of the evidence base for the evolving Local Plan Update (which will supersede the current Plan upon adoption), a further Water Cycle Study has been carried out which includes an assessment of potential future development in the borough with regards to water supply capacity, wastewater capacity and environmental capacity in the water environment. The Environment Agency, Natural England and the water companies were involved in the Study and there has been ongoing correspondence with them as the Plan has evolved, including in relation to potential site allocations in terms of water supply and the increase in wastewater. The latest Water Cycle Study concluded that the relevant Water Resource Management Plans indicate that through the introduction of strategic demand management options and supply enhancement schemes serving the borough, adequate water supplies will be available up to 2040 and will cater for current proposed levels of growth. A Sustainability Appraisal (including SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment is being prepared alongside the evolving Local Plan Update which also considers the impact of new policies and site allocations on water quality and protected sites.

Local Plan update evidence (basingstoke.gov.uk)

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Kind regards



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Dear Sirs,

We wrote to you on 5 August 2024 requesting information on planning but have not received a response.

It has now been over two months (beyond the 20 day limit – and no extensions were requested).

The next step is for us to lodge a complaint to the ICO as this was a request made under the EIR 2004 (though there are additional questions which require a simple response on council policy).

Please could you let us have your substantive response by return?

Yours faithfully,

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Date: 25 October 2024

Dear Dr Neal

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your EIR request.

Your request for information has now been considered and Breckland District Council's response is below.

Request:

The letter detailing your request for information is attached.

Response:

Thank you for your letter, we always welcome hearing the views from organisations like yourselves. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your letter, but unfortunately, we do not have a record of the original letter you sent. However, we have now had to time to review your questions and have provided the enclosed response.

Your letter refers to the issues around water resources both quantity and quality within Norfolk in particular with reference to chalk streams and wild fish in our rivers. As a water-stressed area, the Council considers these issues important and within Breckland Council 2035 Sustainability Strategy Policy statement it states that "Breckland Council will work with its residents, businesses and partners to affect positive behavioural change that will lead to it becoming one of the most sustainable rural districts in the country" The statement refers to various actions including reducing its own impact as an organisation on the environment including improving and reducing its water usage as well as using its own regulatory powers to enforce and protect water quality. [Breckland-Sustainability-Strategy-2021-35.](#)

The Council is a member of Water Resources East and was actively involved in the preparation of the Water Resources East Regional Plan December 2023. [The Regional Water Resources Plan - Water Resources East.](#) This plan sets out a number of actions across various stakeholders to plan for better management of water resources both for future growth and resilience of Norfolk's communities and for the environment. However, it is worth noting that it is the Environment Agency who is responsible for managing water resources and providing abstraction licences.

The Council has also prepared the [Breckland-Design-Guide](#) which provides guidance on embedding water management within the design of new development and the requirement to provide a water management strategy within design and access statements to accompany planning applications. Both the work from Water Resources East and the Design

Guide has helped informed policies in our emerging local plan, and we would very much welcome your comments on these [Regulation-18-Preferred-Options-Local-Plan-Full-Update-June-2024](#)

Part of the Local Plan’s work involves gathering evidence on the impact of the area’s growth on natural resources including water and the Council have commissioned a water cycle study to help inform the Council on its development plans.

As you pointed out in your letter, the Council was informed by Natural England in March 2022 of water quality issues within the River Wensum and The Broads due to excess nutrients of phosphorus and nitrogen. The Council has worked closely with neighbouring authorities who are also affected by this issue and have formed Norfolk Environmental Credits Ltd, which actively supports nutrient mitigation schemes across the county to help improve the water quality of these protected habitats. This includes upgrading the numerous old leaky septic tanks which exist in the area, supporting wetland schemes and floodplain restoration schemes, and encouraging low or non-phosphorus agricultural practices.

The Council also actively collaborates and supports the work of a number of river improvement organisations such as the Little Ouse and Thet Sub catchment Partnership, Brecks Fen Edge and Rivers Landscape Partnership and a number of biodiversity improvement projects including the Wendling Beck Exemplar Project, The Brecks Biodiversity Group, Wensum Catchment Partnership, as well as its work with the Natural Norfolk in developing Local Nature Recovery Strategies, which includes improving water bodies.

At the end of your letter you provide a number of questions, most of the information you are asking for is in the public domain. However, we do appreciate that navigating some of the search tools for this information is not easy. To assist your research, we have provided some explanation on how you can access this information yourself as well as a list of planning application references to help you.

Sewage	
1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;	I have done a search of applications from 1 st October 2022 to 1 st October 2024 and I have provided an attached list of permitted residential planning applications. All planning application are public records and where sewage infrastructure is a material planning consideration, this will be set out in the officer report – all available to view on the planning portal via the planning reference. Search planning and tree work applications - Breckland Council
2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications.	This would be considered on an application by application basis.



3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;	The Council consults parties in accordance with the National requirements and the Councils Statement of Community Involvement, available to view on our website.
4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);	All planning applications and Decision Notices are public records and where Grampian conditions have been applied for sewage infrastructure these will be set out on the relevant DN – all available to view on our website on the planning pages here.
Abstraction	
5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years;	As per Q1
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Local Plan	
Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic	The Local Plan was found sound by the Planning Inspectorate on 25 th October 2019. The Council is in the process of

policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

formulating a new local plan, which will need to consider all relevant planning aspects to be found Sound.

We trust this response clarifies our position. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

If you have any queries or concerns, then please contact us at:

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Yours sincerely,

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Reference: 7909345
2 September 2024

Dear Justin,

Freedom of Information

Thank you for your request received on 5 August 2024 concerning:

Request:

Questions for consideration

We would be grateful, therefore, if your council could provide information on the following:

Sewage

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Local Plan

9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. I have detailed below the information.

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration.

We confirm we hold the information requested; however we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

During the period 01/04/2022 and 31/03/2024, there were 729 residential planning permissions granted in Bucks for a total of 6862 homes.

We estimate it would take an average of 15-30 minutes to retrieve each planning application, review it and extract the required information. There are 729 records to check.

Under our Section 16 obligations we are obliged to offer advice and assistance so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so. In this specific case we are unfortunately unable to advise how the request could be narrowed down to provide any meaningful data.

2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications. Yes

3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows. Yes, on the local plan and evidence base on water cycle study as the main evidence on sewerage.

In terms of Consultations, Buckinghamshire Council adheres to the requirements of Schedule of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) England, Order 2015
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/595/schedule/4/made>

4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice).

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During the period 01/04/2022 and 31/03/2024, there were 729 residential planning permissions granted in Bucks for a total of 6862 homes.

We estimate it would take an average of 30 minutes to retrieve each planning application, review it and extract the required information. There are 729 records to check.

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5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years.

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Buckinghamshire Council adheres to the requirements of Schedule of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) England, Order 2015

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/595/schedule/4/made>

8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels. In terms of

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9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation. Yes. For both the adopted local plans in place for the legacy areas and also the work so far in the early stages of the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire.

Please quote the reference number 7909345 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to:

access2information@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or by writing to us at Information Management, Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint, by post at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or by calling 0330 123 1113.

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

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Information Governance Officer

Date: 07 August 2024
E Mail: PlanningDC@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



**Place and Sustainability
Planning Growth & Environment**

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Dear Mr Neal,

RE: LPA LETTER FROM WILDFISH

Thank you for your letter dated 5 August 2024 in which you requested information in relation to water resources and sewage capacity as material considerations.

The County Council is the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority for Cambridgeshire and as such is responsible for determining planning applications in relation to minerals and waste matters and preparation of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan. It is also able to determine planning applications for development being proposed by the County Council.

Many of your questions relate to residential development, which are matters for the City Council and district councils of Cambridgeshire and therefore I can confirm the County Council has not permitted any residential developments in the past two years, nor received any applications for such developments.

Your letter has set specific questions on sewage, abstraction and the local plan. Noting our role as the County Planning, Minerals and Waste authority, as detailed above, the only questions that are relevant to our work are questions 8 (on material considerations) and 9 (on local plan preparation).

In relation to question 8, as explained in the [Planning Practice Guidance](#), the scope of what can constitute a material consideration is very wide and so the courts often do not indicate what cannot be a material consideration. However, in general they have taken the view that planning is concerned with land use in the public interest, so that the protection of purely private interests such as the impact of a development on the value of a neighbouring property or loss of private rights to light could not be material considerations.

Depending on the circumstances, if a development involved water abstraction, the effect of that abstraction may be a material consideration. However, as set out in paragraph 194 of the National Planning Policy Framework, planning policies and decisions should be on whether proposed development is an acceptable use of land, rather than the control of

processes or emissions which are subject to separate pollution control regimes and planning decisions should assume that these regimes will operate effectively.

The abstraction of water from rivers and other sources of water is, with a small number of exceptions, controlled by the Environment Agency and before abstraction can take place a licence is required. The Environment Agency licensing regime also considers the effect on the connected water system and therefore this will also be a consideration in the determination of any application.

In respect of your question 9 regarding local plans, paragraph 20 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and design quality for places, and make sufficient provision for a number of topics including infrastructure for water supply, wastewater and flood risk. Before a local plan can be adopted it must be subject to a Public Examination by an independent Inspector. Part of the Public Examination involves establishing if the plan is consistent with national policy.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP), which was adopted in 2021, contains policies regarding the provision of wastewater treatment, and through the restoration of quarries enables the construction of water storage for the benefit of flood alleviation and agriculture. The Council is satisfied that the drafting of the 2021 MWLP took these matters into account. The MWLP is periodically monitored by the Council as reported in the Council's Monitoring Reports, and a full review will commence during 2026 to ensure the plan remains up to date, in accordance with legislation and guidance to ensure it is fit for purpose.

I trust this response answers your questions.

Yours sincerely,



Principal Planning Officer

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **FOI CCC** <FOI@canterbury.gov.uk>

Date: Tue, Aug 27, 2024 at 12:33 PM

Subject: 22787 - EIR Sewage & Abstraction Capacity and Development

To: info@wildfish.org <info@wildfish.org>

Thank you for your request.

This request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR2004), Canterbury City Council holds some of the information you have requested.

Please see below for our response.

We note that you referred to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA2000) in your request. As Canterbury City Council (CCC) is subject to the EIR2004 and the focus of your request qualifies as Environmental Information per EIR2004 r2(1) we are considering your request under the EIR2004. In as much as your request was made under the FOIA2000 that request is refused under s39. This exemption requires consideration of the Public Interest Test, but as CCC is subject to the EIR2004 we see no Public Interest in dealing with this request under the FOIA2000.

If you are unhappy with the way your enquiry has been dealt with, you may ask for an internal review by replying to this correspondence. Requests for a review should be made within 40 working days of this response. If you make the request after this we are not obliged to respond.

If you wish us to reconsider our decision please provide any additional information that may help your case. Without new information we may not have a reason to reach a different conclusion.

If you are still dissatisfied after an internal review, you may appeal to the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5A

Kind regards

Information Governance Service
Canterbury City Council

Your Request:

Sewage

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;

Planning permissions granted in the last 2 years for housing can be accessed using the applications search facility on the Council's website [here](#).

As this information is already accessible within the public domain we consider that EIR2004 r6(1)(b) applies. This regulation provides that information need not be further disclosed where this is already reasonably available in another form or format.

2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;

As the request asks for the council's opinion, this is not a valid request for information. Only 'held' information is subject to these regulations. This aspect of the request is therefore refused.

3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;

Water companies are not statutory consultees on planning applications, however we consult with them on major developments >10 dwellings.

4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);

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Abstraction

5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years

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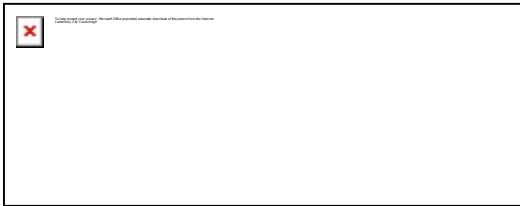
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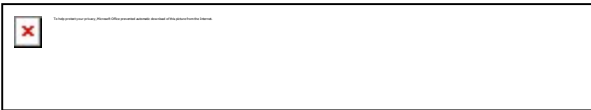
Local Plan

9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

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Justin Neal

Email: accesstoinfo@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Our ref: 7972921

Date: 19 August 2024

Dear Justin Neal

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested.

Sewage

Q1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;

Q2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;

A1-2. We consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

The information you requested is available on our website using the following link - [Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages](#). If you do not have access to the internet at home, you may be able to use facilities at your local library.

All planning applications, granted permission, can be found on the Council's online planning register. There is an advanced search function which allows you to search by proposal (which will include number of dwellings), application decision and date. The record will include a copy of the officers report which will state whether sewage infrastructure was a material consideration in the decision.

Q3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;

A3. A record of the consultations undertaken for each application can be found within the planning application records (see A1-2). The local sewerage undertaker would normally be consulted for any new residential development.

Q4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);

A4. This information is not recorded. You are able to look at the decision notices for all records using the following link - [Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages](#).

Abstraction

Q5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material

consideration over the last 2 years;

A5. We consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

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Q6. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years;

A6. This information is not recorded. You are able to look at the decision notices for all records using the following link - [Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages](#).

Q7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites);

A7. A record of the consultations undertaken for each application can be found within the planning application records here - [Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages](#). The local water company would normally be consulted for any new residential development. The Environment Agency and/or Natural England would also be consulted in the case of protected sites.

Q8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.

A8. We consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

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Local Plan

Q9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

A9. Yes. The Local Plan has been through a full, independent examination process, where an inspector has the opportunity to explore the capacity of infrastructure.

Please quote the reference number 7972921 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request. We are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date. Internal review requests should be made in writing.

If you wish to request a review of this response, please contact us either by email (accesstoinfo@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) or in writing to the reply address detailed below.

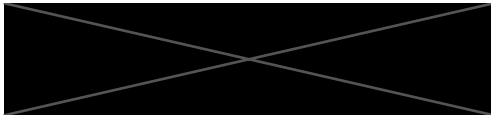
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Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully



Information Governance Practitioner

Central Bedfordshire Council

Please reply to:

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Email: accesstoinfo@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Date: 13th August 2024
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Dear Mr Neal,

Your request dated 5th August 2024 for information under the Freedom of Information/Environmental Regulations Act 2000. Our reference: FOI-10793 Sewage & Abstraction Capacity and Development

Thank you for your FOI request to this authority.

In your correspondence you have requested the information set out below and in what follows I set out the Council's response:

REQUEST 1.

The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the Council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those where sewerage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration.

RESPONSE

The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the Council in the last 2 years was 128
Details of all planning applications are held on our website [Simple Search \(dacorum.gov.uk\)](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk) including the officer reports setting out all material considerations.

REQUEST 2.

Whether the Council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications

RESPONSE

Yes, the Local planning authority consults the appropriate bodies on planning applications when required to do so for advice/comments in relation to drainage/sewage/water supply etc including the Council's Environmental Community Protection Department, the Environment Agency, Thames Water and therefore considers it to be a material consideration for planning applications in appropriate cases.

REQUEST 3

Whether the Council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows

RESPONSE

Please see response to REQUEST 2 above.

REQUEST 4

The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the Council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewerage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice)

RESPONSE

Please see response to REQUEST 1 above. Decision notices for each planning application is held on our website.

REQUEST 5

The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years.

RESPONSE

Please see response to REQUEST 1 above

REQUEST 6

The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the Council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years .

RESPONSE

Please see response to REQUEST 4 above

REQUEST 7

Whether the Council consults the local water company(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without

environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites)

RESPONSE

Please see response to REQUEST 2 above.

In addition in appropriate cases the LPA consults with Herts Ecology, Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, the Canals and Riverside Trust and the Lead Local Flood Authority and any other appropriate local interest groups.

REQUEST 8

Whether the Council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.

RESPONSE

Yes, the Council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions. The council takes advice from the relevant consultees in its decision making.

REQUEST 9

Whether the Council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policy and land allocation.

RESPONSE

Yes, please see the Council's website for the status of the New Dacorum Local Plan (to 2040) [New Dacorum Local Plan \(to 2040\)](#)

Also the South West Herts Joint Strategic Plan (Dacorum Borough Council, St Albans City and District Council, Three Rivers District Council, Watford Borough Council, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council) Water Cycle Study Scoping Study Final Report [Microsoft Word - 5000-WX54733-BMR-02-Dacorum-et-al-WCS-Scoping-Study.doc](#)

The Core Strategy/Water Management: [chapter-18-using-resources-efficiently-\(pdf-401kb\).pdf \(dacorum.gov.uk\)](#)

Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests is available on our website at <http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/open-data/freedom-of-information/how-to-make-an-information-request>.

Should you have any further queries or information needs, or if you are unhappy about the way your request has been handled, then please do not hesitate to contact me, or the Council's Legal Governance department at: foi@dacorum.gov.uk, quoting reference EIR 10543 please.

I would confirm that, pursuant to Section 50 of the FOIA, you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision whether, in any specified respect, your request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of Part 1 of the FOIA. The Commissioner would of course make a decision on any application unless certain circumstances apply, one of which is that the relevant public authority's complaints procedure has not been exhausted. I would confirm the Information Commissioner's contact details are as follows:-

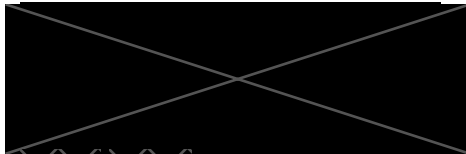
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Helpline: 0303 123 1113

Website, with online form: www.ico.gov.uk and email for online complaint: casework@ico.org.uk

If you need further assistance, do please contact me or the information service, as indicated above.

Yours sincerely.




Development Management Manager
Dacorum Borough Council

From: Freedom of Information <foi@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 28 October 2024 14:41
To: justin@wildfish.org
Subject: RE: Capacity - sewage and abstraction.
Attachments: Letter from WildFish to LPA re capacity for sewage and abstraction - 5 August 2024.pdf; Residential.xlsx

Dear Dr Justin Neal,

Information Request – reference no. DC/8218

Thank you for your information request dated 5th August (attached for reference), which has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). The EIR is broadly the same as the Freedom of Information Act but covers requests for information about the environment and environmental matters.

I am very sorry for the long delay in responding. Unfortunately our team was only notified of your request by the Planning service on 7th October. They have now provided answers to your questions and our response to your request is as follows:

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration

Please find attached a spreadsheet showing residential developments granted planning permission in the period 01/04/2022 to 14/10/2024. The council does not monitor the number of permissions where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account and is therefore unable to provide a response to the second part of this question. However, the considerations for each application are set out in the officer reports, which can be viewed on the Councils online planning register: [Planning application search and comment - Dorset Council](#).

2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications

This question is subjective in nature and therefore is technically not a valid question under the EIR. We will however endeavour to respond separately, and your question has been passed to the relevant Planning team to request a response.

3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows

The council consults Wessex Water and Bournemouth Water on planning applications according to the criteria set out below:

<p>Wessex Water planning.liaison@wessexwater.co.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development involving the boring for oil and natural gas from shale • Developments of 10 dwellings or more • Commercial areas of one hectare or more • Developments within groundwater attenuation catchments (Risk of foul sewer inundation 2023 in QGIS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High Risk of foul sewer inundation (constraint layer) – all developments equivalent to 1 dwelling or more ○ Medium Risk of foul sewer inundation (constraint layer) – all developments equivalent to 10 dwellings (1ha commercial) or more • Development within Sewage Treatment buffer Dorset May 2023 in QGIS. • Development within source protection NOT HOUSEHOLDER DEVELOPMENTS • Any other planning applications where there is a potential risk to the operation of Wessex Water
<p>Bournemouth Water Ltd part of Southwest Water developerservicesplanning@southwestwater.co.uk</p>	<p>Consult when site is within QGIS South Water Consultation Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development involving the boring for oil and natural gas from shale • Developments of 10 dwellings or more • Commercial areas of one hectare or more <p>For anything else THEY check the map</p>

There are also several independent water companies which operate within the Dorset Council area. These tend to be self-contained providers for new estates. We do not consult these independent water companies. We have tried to contact a few of these companies to discuss potential consultation on planning applications, but they did not wish to be consulted as proposals are very unlikely to affect their self-contained systems.

4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice)

The council does not monitor the use of Grampian conditions. Please find attached a list of the residential permissions issued in the period 01/04/2022 to 14/10/2024. The conditions which apply to these permissions can be viewed online, on the decision notices for each application, via the link provided in response to question 1 above.

5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years

The council does not monitor applications where water resource capacity has been taken into account. Please find attached a list of residential permissions issued in the period 01/04/2022 to 14/10/2024. The considerations for each application are set out in the officer reports, which can be viewed on the council's online planning register, via the link provided in response to question 1 above.

6. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years

The council does not monitor the use of Grampian conditions. Please find attached a list of the residential permissions issued in the period 01/04/2022 to 14/10/2024. The conditions which apply to these permissions can be viewed online, on the decision notices for each application, via the link provided in response to question 1 above.

7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites)

Please see the response to question 3 for details of the water companies consulted by the council on planning applications.

8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels

This question is subjective in nature and therefore is technically not a valid question under the EIR. We will however endeavour to respond separately, and your question has been passed to the relevant Planning team to request a response.

9: Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation

All of the adopted local plans that cover part of the Poole Harbour catchment have policies that seek to ensure that development achieves nitrogen neutrality thereby reducing impacts on the Poole Harbour designated site and the associated watercourses. None of the adopted local plans have similar policies in place for other catchments but many do have a general approach to minimising impact on water-bodies and to manage surface water through the implementation of SuDS.

Many of the adopted local plans look to minimise water usage and enable the upgrade of water infrastructure where needed.

The adopted local plans covering the Dorset Council area were all adopted more than five years ago (with the exception of the plan covering the former Purbeck area) and as such are in need of a review. The Dorset Council Local Plan is currently being produced and will cover the whole of the Dorset Council area. This will give the opportunity for the issues raised to be considered and, if necessary, for a policy to be included to address the issue.

You may wish to know that you can submit information requests to Dorset Council via our e-form at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/about-your-council/freedom-of-information/freedom-of-information.aspx>.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you may ask for an internal review within 40 working days of this response. Please fill in our [online form](#) if you wish to request a review. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you then have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision – the Information Commissioner can be contacted via [their website](#).

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Yours sincerely,





Dear Mr Neal,

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Council. Please find the information requested as follows:

Your Request and Our Response

Sewage

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;

In issuing our response the Council has applied S21 of the Freedom of Information Act.

This means that the information you have requested is already available elsewhere so is therefore exempt from disclosure.

The information can be found by searching our planning application website: <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/planning-services/search-and-comment-planning-applications>

2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications. **Please see Question 1 above**

3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows; **The relevant local sewerage undertaker is consulted on all major developments**

4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice); **Please see Question 1 above**

Abstraction

5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years; **Please see Question 1 above**

6. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years; **Please see Question 1 above**

7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites); **The local water company is consulted on all major developments**

8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels. **Advice from the relevant local water company is considered in the assessment of applications**

Local Plan

9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

East Hampshire District Council is preparing a new Local Plan, that is currently at Regulation 18 stage. The draft Local Plan which was subject to consultation this year (Reg18 stage) is available on our website. You may wish to look at draft Policies NBE8 and NBE9. It is for an Inspector at Examination to assess whether a proposed Local Plan meets all legal tests and complies with national policy, and as such is a sound Local Plan that can be used to determine planning applications.

Please accept this email as completion of your request.

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If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Information Governance Department on info-requests@easthants.gov.uk and we will conduct an internal review. Please do not reply to this email as it is an unmonitored email address. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the ICO's website.

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 40 days of you receiving this letter we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you wish to make any further requests for information please do not hesitate to contact us on info-requests@easthants.gov.uk.

Kind regards

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From: eastherts@infreemation.co.uk
Sent: 09 October 2024 09:58
To: justin@wildfish.org
Subject: [F24/1128] Sewage and abstraction
Attachments: Letter from WildFish to LPA re capacity for sewage and abstraction - 5 August 2024 (1).pdf

Good morning,

Apologies for the delay in responding.

Thank you for your request for information, this has now been processed and the information that we hold is enclosed.

Your Request

Your request is attached.

Our response

1. The council publishes all planning applications which include documents submitted in support of the application and decision notices. This information is reasonable accessible on the council's website here: [Simple Search \(eastherts.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastherts.gov.uk).
2. *Stringer v MHLG 1971 sets out that "In principle, it seems to me that any consideration which relates to the use and development of land is capable of being a planning consideration. Whether a particular consideration falling within that broad class is material in any given case will depend on the circumstances"*
The matters raised in this question are therefore capable of representing a material consideration but that is dependent on the circumstances. As no circumstances are identified, no further information can be provided.
3. The Council carries out the requirements of Schedule 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 in terms of consultation of planning applications. Depending on the nature of the planning application further consultations with other non-statutory consultees may be carried out including consultation with Thames Water and Affinity Water.
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8. *Stringer v MHLG 1971 sets out that “In principle, it seems to me that any consideration which relates to the use and development of land is capable of being a planning consideration. Whether a particular consideration falling within that broad class is material in any given case will depend on the circumstances”*

The matters raised in these questions are therefore capable of representing a material consideration but that is dependent on the circumstances. As no circumstances are identified, no further information can be provided.

9. Yes, the East Herts District Plan 2018 includes a Chapter on Water (Chapter 23 - [District Plan 25 - C 23 - WATER WAT POLICIES.pdf \(onwebcurl.com\)](#)). The chapter contains 6 policies covering flood risk management, source protection zones, water quality and the water environment, efficient use of water resources, sustainable drainage and wastewater infrastructure. These policies seek to ensure the planned environment is managed to take account of the natural water environment and any associated risks.

If you are unsatisfied with the way the council has handled your request please let us know in the first instance so that an internal review can be carried out.

Additionally, if you have any queries about the processing of your request please do not hesitate to contact us on FOI@eastherts.gov.uk

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<https://ico.org.uk/>

It is important that you include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request,

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East Herts Council

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Date: 03 September 2024

Dear Justin

Environmental Information Regulations - Request for Information

On 5 August 2024 East Riding of Yorkshire Council received your request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The Council's response is set out below.

Response:

Sewage

- 1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;**

The Council do not record this information as we are not able to extract this type of information due to the way in which we record our planning decisions, however the discharge of foul water, whether it is received via the main sewer, a septic tank, independent treatment plant or any other means will always be a material planning consideration.

- 2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;**

Where discharge is to the mains sewer, this will be a material planning consideration and a matter that we would receive advice from Yorkshire Water (YW).

- 3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;**

Yes

[REDACTED]
Executive Director of Corporate Resources

4. **The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);**

The Council do not record this information as we are not able to extract this type of information due to the way in which we record our planning decisions. As a matter of course, if details are submitted to accompany the planning application which illustrate the precise means of drainage and the LPA, after receiving advice from YW or the council's Land Drainage team, the Environment Agency or the Independent Drainage Boards, have no objections to this means of drainage, then appropriate planning conditions will be imposed to secure the provision of the proposed form of drainage. If more details are required and can be provided by way of further information, post planning decision, then these can be secured by way of a planning condition, the details of which will be discussed with these consultees.

Abstraction

5. **The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years;**

The Council do not record this information as we are not able to extract this type of information due to the way in which we record our planning decisions.

6. **The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years;**

The Council do not record this information as we are not able to extract this type of information due to the way in which we record our planning decisions.

7. **Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites);**

Yes, however this will be on a case-by-case basis.

8. **Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.**

Yes

Local Plan

9. **Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.**

Yes. The Council is confident its local plan appropriately considers the environmental impacts created by increased demand on water supply and wastewater treatment resulting from planned growth and climate change.

The consideration of water resources and treatment is considered throughout the East Riding Local Plan Update strategic and development control policies, its Habitat Regulation Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal and supporting Infrastructure Study and Delivery Plan.

The Council have worked closely with key stakeholders to safeguard the source and quality of water within the East Riding. This involves ongoing work with;

- Yorkshire Water to ensure the required water supply and treatment infrastructure is in place to support planned growth (implement through policy C1 of the Local Plan);
- The Environment Agency to ensure the condition of waterways and sources are protected and improved (implement through policy ENV6 of the Local Plan); and
- Natural England to ensure the impact of development on protected habitats are appropriately assessed against the relevant legal framework (implement through policy ENV4 of the Local Plan).

If you are dissatisfied with the above response or how your request has been handled you can ask for the Council to review this by contacting the Information Governance and Feedback Team by email on foi@eastriding.gov.uk or on the above telephone number within 6 weeks of this letter.

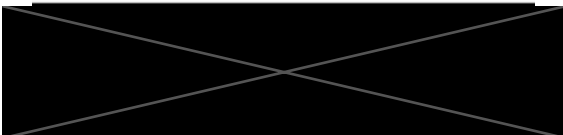
A senior manager will carry out the review and you will receive a response within 40 working days. It will provide a fair and thorough review of the decisions taken and where necessary how your request has been handled.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Council's review procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted as follows:

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely



Senior Information Governance and Feedback Officer

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Reference No. FOI 276 – 2024/25

In response to your FOI request, the Council's response is below for your attention.

Questions for consideration

We would be grateful, therefore, if your council could provide information on the following:

Sewage

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;

Please see attached spreadsheet which includes the list of residential developments approved within the last 2 years. You can view all documents in respect of these applications via the Council's [online portal](#). However, as sewage works are considered under separate legislation it is unlikely that sewage would have been considered as a material planning consideration.

2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;

The capacity of the sewer network is not a material planning consideration as this is dealt with by separate legislation.

3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;

The Council consults with Southern Water on all major applications.

4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);

None.



Abstraction

5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes)

granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years;

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Southern Water consider the capacity as part of their consultation response.

6. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes)

granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years;

None.

7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites);

Yes, water companies are consulted on major developments.

8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.

No.

Local Plan

9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

Working with the Partnership for South Hampshire authorities, the [PfSH Integrated Water Management Study](#) sought to assess the implications of planned growth on water resources and the quality of the water environment. As part of this work Fareham shared the proposed future dwelling numbers identified through the Local Plan preparation process. This study identified that assessments by Portsmouth Water have indicated that they will be in surplus by 2040 even after accounting for growth of up to 68,000 homes. However, they are still proposing to implement 35 feasible options through their WRMP in order

to ensure resilience. The Portsmouth Water Plan is sufficient to support the housing growth identified by PUSH.

The preparation of the Local Plan included numerous consultations, all of which included consulting the Environment Agency and Southern Water and the Council have worked with both bodies to consider and implement their recommendations. This work culminated in the [Statement of Common Ground](#) between the Council and the Environment Agency and a [Statement of Common Ground](#) with Southern Water. These recognised the issues of Water Resources and Water Quality and the statutory bodies' recommendations to include a policy to tackle these.

In line with the Statements of Common Ground and information from the Environment Agency contained in [Water Stressed Areas – Final Classification 2021](#), Fareham Council have adopted [Local Plan](#) policy D4. This requires new dwellings to achieve as a minimum the Optional Technical Housing Standard for Water efficiency of no more than 110 litres per person per day and a commitment to seek to improved water quality and manage water resources.

Consultation responses to Policy D4 can be reviewed here: [Regulation 18](#) and [Regulation 19 consultation responses](#).

The Local Plan was subject to examination by the Planning Inspector and found sound. Based on this the Council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

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Details of awarded contracts are located within the Contracts Register via the SEBP website once the contract has been fully executed.

Alternatively, please see details on doing business with the Council via our website, details are located in the following [link](#).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled, please submit this within 40 working days of the date of this response. Please include your reasons for the request, including references to individual documents as relevant.

Please submit your request to foi@fareham.gov.uk quoting the reference number at the top of this document. You can also submit your request by post to the address below.

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Following internal review, if you are not content with the outcome you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Complaints should be raised to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review.

To make a complaint to the ICO, please contact them via their [FOI/EIR portal](#).

The Information Commissioner's website has various options for contacting them and these are set [out here](https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us-public/) (<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us-public/>)

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.



Dear Justin,

Reference: 24/01435/INF

We received your request on 12.08.24

Your Request

You asked us (full request attached):

Sewage

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;
2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;
3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;
4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);

Abstraction

5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years;
- "6. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years;
7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites);
8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.

Local Plan

9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation."

We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) and our response is as follows;

Our Response

Sewage

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years;

This information is available on the Council's public access system- [Simple Search \(hart.gov.uk\)](http://hart.gov.uk)

The "Advanced" tab can be used to refine results by application type and development type.

of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;

This information is available within the Officer reports and consultee comments available on the Council's public access system.

2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;

This seems to be asking for an opinion - the Council does not hold recorded information in this respect.

3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;

Where they are a statutory consultee in line with the legislation, they are consulted routinely.

4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);

This information is available within the Officer reports and decision notices available on the Council's public access system.

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7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites);

Where they are a statutory consultee in line with the legislation, they are consulted routinely.

8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.

Local Plan

This seems to be asking for an opinion - the Council does not hold recorded information in this respect.

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This seems to be asking for an opinion - the Council does not hold recorded information in this respect.

Next Steps

You can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days.

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

Or

Their postal address is

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards,



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Sewage

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;

Response: *A total of 57 planning permissions involving residential development were granted by Havant Borough Council in the period 1st August 2022 – 31st July 2024.*

The permissions provided a total of 494 homes overall.

2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;

Response: *It can be, where relevant. However Southern Water (the sewage provider) have advised that they do not require consultation on planning applications featuring less than 20 new dwellings and the Council cannot compel them to respond on applications, so it is unlikely to arise in those cases.*

3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;

Response: *Yes - however Southern Water (the sewage provider) have advised that they do not require consultation on planning applications featuring less than 20 new dwellings and the Council cannot compel them to respond on applications, so consultation is only undertaken on schemes of 20 or above.*

4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);

Response: *None. It is common practice for permissions to include pre-commencement conditions relating to foul and surface water **layout** proposals, but this has not extended to Grampian conditions requiring sewer **capacity** to be secured.*

Abstraction

5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years;

Response: *Portsmouth Water, the local water supply company, do not require to be consulted in respect of water resource capacity for new residential developments and the Council cannot compel them to respond on applications. As a result water resource capacity does not arise as a material planning consideration in the normal course of events.*

6. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years;

Response: *None – for the reasons set out in the response to Question 5 above.*

7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites);

Response: *See response to Question 5 above.*

8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.

Response: *See response to Question 5 above.*

Local Plan

9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

Response: *Both Portsmouth Water and Southern Water were part of the preparation of the Adopted Local Plan. The Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan and is fully engaged with both Portsmouth Water and Southern Water as part of its preparation. This includes a specific study on wastewater capacity which the Council has commissioned independent from Southern Water, reflecting the lack of public trust in the wastewater infrastructure industry. The outcome of the Local Plan work has the potential to change any of the approaches highlighted in previous questions once it has concluded.*

**Havant
Council**

justin@wildfish.org

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 October 2024 10:38
To: 'justin@wildfish.org'
Cc: Foi Responses
Subject: FOI Request F20815

Freedom of Information Act 2000 / Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Information request

Dear Mr Justin Neal,

We have now considered your information request as set out below.

You asked:

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;
2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;
3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;
4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);
5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years;
6. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years;
7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites);
8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.
9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

I can respond as follows in answers to your numbered queries:

1. This can be found on our website using the planning application search page: [Find a planning application \(Planning Explorer\) | Merton Council](#)
2. Yes – The Council consults Thames Water for advice on these matters.
3. Yes – The Council consults Thames Water for advice on these matters.

4. This can be found on our website using the planning application search page: [Find a planning application \(Planning Explorer\) | Merton Council](#)
5. This can be found on our website using the planning application search page: [Find a planning application \(Planning Explorer\) | Merton Council](#)
6. This can be found on our website using the planning application search page: [Find a planning application \(Planning Explorer\) | Merton Council](#)
7. Yes – The Council consults Thames Water for advice on these matters.
8. The Council consults Thames Water for advice on these matters.
9. Yes

If you have any queries or concerns about this please contact me.

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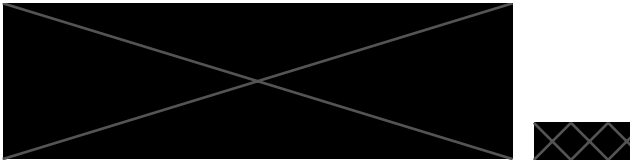
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,



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Planning Development Management

Service Manager: 

Justin Neal
WildFish

My Ref:
Your Ref:

Sent by email: info@wildfish.org

Date: 27 August 2024

Dear Sir

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – PLANNING PERMISSIONS IMPACTING WATER AND SEWERAGE

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received by the Council on 5th August 2024.

Your request stated:

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;
2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;
3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;
4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);
5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years;
6. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years;
7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites);

8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.

9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

In our view the information requested is already reasonably accessible to you with the exceptions of questions 2, 8 and 9 which are covered below. Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to the applicant. The information you requested is available via our website and undertaking an advanced search [Applications Search \(newforest.gov.uk\)](http://newforest.gov.uk)

Enter a decision date range; application type of Full Planning Permission; description keyword of 'Dwellings' or 'Residential'; decision type Granted subject to Conditions. Your questions will be answered in the Officer report and decision notice on each case.

In relation to question 2, It is agreed that the capacity of the sewer network can be a material consideration for planning applications.

In relation to question 8, Potentially, the abstraction for water supply could be a material consideration for planning applications if there were to be identifiable environmental impacts, but this is not an issue that is generally raised.

In relation to question 9, Yes – as far as is necessary the Council are satisfied.

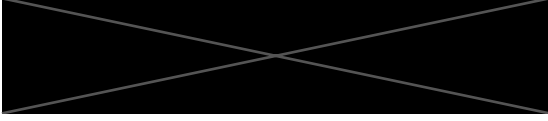
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Beaulieu Road
LYNDHURST
SO43 7PA
foi@nfdc.gov.uk

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Cheshire SK9 5AF
www.ico.org.uk

Yours faithfully



Planning Development Management



justin@wildfish.org

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 October 2024 11:30
To: justin@wildfish.org
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Water resources and sewage capacity as material considerations
Attachments: FW: Capacity - sewage and abstraction. (1.10 MB)

Dear Dr Neal

Thank you for your e-mail of 10 October 2024, enclosing an enquiry dated 5 August and for your confirmation that your request was made in part under the EIR 2004. I apologise for the late response.

Whilst we do not have a Head of Planning and I will seek to address the questions in your letter in turn.

Sewage

1. All residential development granted planning permission and the officer reports which will set out material considerations are publicly available and can be viewed on our Website via this link – [Search Planning Applications \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#).
2. I consider that the capacity of the sewer network is a material planning consideration.
3. The Council consults local sewage undertakers on major planning applications for residential development (>10 units).
4. I am only aware of one permission in the last 2 years with a Grampian condition to deal with sewage infrastructure issues, but you may review our decisions (as 1 above), and this was for 140 dwellings (Application reference 18/01502/OP).

Abstraction

5. I am not aware of any planning permissions where water resource capacity has been raised by providers but may review our decisions (as 1 above).
6. As 5 above.
7. Local water companies are consulted on major applications for residential development.
8. I consider that the abstraction for water supply is a material planning consideration.

Local Plan

9. I am satisfied that the local plan considers water supply and wastewater in policies and land allocation.

Kind regards



[Redacted]
Development and Conservation
Manager
[Redacted]

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From: Wild Fish <info@wildfish.org>
Sent: 03 September 2024 15:22
To: Justin Neal
Subject: Fwd: Freedom of Information request no. 9182 - Sewage and Abstraction Capacity and Development
Attachments: FOI 9182 Q1 Application data.xlsx

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From: **PlanningFOI** <PlanningFOI@testvalley.gov.uk>
Date: Tue, Sep 3, 2024 at 3:21 PM
Subject: Freedom of Information request no. 9182 - Sewage and Abstraction Capacity and Development
To: info@wildfish.org <info@wildfish.org>

Dear Mr Neal

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated and received on 5th August 2024. This is being dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested information on “Water Resources and sewage capacity as material considerations.” Specifically the following questions and our answers are below each question.

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;

A1. Please see attached spreadsheet of applications where residential developments (new properties built) were granted planning permission between 01/06/2022 to 30/06/2024 (2 years); this information includes a description of the proposal with the number of dwellings to be built. Please note that we do not record or collate whether sewage infrastructure was taken into account as a material consideration.

2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;

A2. The Local Planning Authority (LPA) considers that this is capable of being a material consideration.

3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;

A3. Consultations are undertaken on applications when such issues are identified to the LPA.

4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);

A4. This is not information we record or collate.

Abstraction

5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years;

A5. This is not information we record or collate.

6. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with water resource issues over the last 2 years;

A6. This is not information we record or collate.

7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites);

A7. No. Consultations are sent when water supply to new homes is raised as a material consideration. Whether the supply of water by those water companies falls within permitted extraction limits is not assessed. Abstraction limits, and the effect of allowing that level of abstraction, are controlled by other bodies under separate legislation to that of the Town and Country Planning Act.

8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in

rivers or lake levels.

A8. The LPA considers that water supply is capable of being a material consideration. Like any other material consideration this would be taken into account before a decision to grant or refuse planning permission is made.

Local Plan

9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

A9. The draft Local Plan and its accompanying evidence consider the current position with regards to water supply and wastewater treatment.

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Kind regards

Test Valley Borough Council

planningfoi@testvalley.gov.uk

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From Three Rivers Council:

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From: **FOI (Three Rivers)** <foi@threerivers.gov.uk>

Date: Mon, Aug 12, 2024 at 12:04 PM

Subject: RE: Letter from WildFish re Sewage & Abstraction Capacity and Development

To: info@wildfish.org <info@wildfish.org>

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

The Council's Development Management Team Leader has provided the following information in response to your attached request:

Sewage

1. The number of residential developments granted planning permission by the council (including their size by number of homes) in the last 2 years; of those, the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration;

Attached is a list of the 123 residential planning applications granted in the last 2 years (from 5 August 2022). We do not hold information of the number where sewage infrastructure has been taken into account as a material consideration. However the assessment of each application can be found in the Officer report which can be viewed by searching for the reference number on our online planning application system <https://www3.threerivers.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

2. Whether the council agrees that the capacity of the sewer network (including the capacity to treat additional sewage) is a material consideration for planning applications;

This information is not held.

3. Whether the council consults the local sewerage undertaker(s) where there is both collection and treatment pressure from new residential development which increases sewage flows;

The water and sewerage undertakers are consulted on major planning applications.

4. The number of residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission by the council where Grampian conditions have been applied to deal with sewage infrastructure issues over the last 2 years (the planning reference will suffice);

Attached is a list of 123 residential planning applications granted. The number of homes is included in the 'proposal' column. We do not hold information in respect of whether Grampian conditions have been used. The full list of conditions can be found in the decision notice which can be viewed by searching for the reference number on our online planning application system <https://www3.threerivers.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

Abstraction

5. The number of the residential developments (including their size by number of homes) granted planning permission where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration over the last 2 years;

Attached is a list of 123 residential planning applications granted. We do not hold information of the number where water resource capacity has been taken into account as a material consideration. However the assessment of each application can be found in the Officer report which can be viewed by searching for the reference number on our online planning application system <https://www3.threerivers.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

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7. Whether the council consults local water compan(y/ies) to ensure that there is adequate supply for new homes and that the demand will be met without environmental damage being caused to streams, lakes and rivers (in particular, in protected sites):

They are consulted on major planning applications.

8. Whether the council considers that abstraction for water supply is a material consideration for the purposes of planning decisions and acts to ensure that planning permission is only granted where the development will not impact negatively flow in rivers or lake levels.

This information is not held.

Local Plan

9. Whether the council is satisfied that the local plan and the accompanying strategic policies take into account the need for water supply and its source as well as the increase in wastewater in policies and land allocation.

This information is not held. Affinity Water and Thames Water are consulted as part of the plan making process.

Regards



Freedom of Information Officer

Ref: 8645-0824

Three Rivers District Council

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