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Dear Sir/Madam,

Land west of Sheffield Road, Birdwell, Barnsley – (BARNs) Erection of 10 two and three storey detached dwellings

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

Submitted Documents

- 1.) Yorkshire Water has no objection in principle to the drainage details submitted on drawing 'Plot Drainage' STE/26/14/09 dated 30/06/26 that has been prepared by Shaun Tonge namely:
 - a.) The proposed separate systems of drainage on site and off site.
 - b.) The proposed amount of domestic foul water to be discharged to the public combined water sewer
 - c.) The proposed amount of curtilage surface water to be discharged to soakaway.

Foul Water

As our powers under the Water Industry Act are limited it is important to ensure explicit control over the approach to foul water disposal in any planning permission. As such the foul water discharge as shown in the above-mentioned drawing is acceptable.

Surface Water

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

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the principle of sustainable drainage, while the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) and National Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) establish a hierarchy for surface water disposal. This hierarchy prioritises 1. Rainwater harvesting (non-potable use) 2. Infiltration to ground 3. Discharge to above ground SW body 4. Discharge to SW sewer 5. Discharge to combined sewer. YWS seeks to promote this hierarchy in collaboration with Local Planning Authorities and developers to improve water quality and reduce flood risk.

It is noted from the submitted planning application that surface water is proposed to be drained to soakaway – Yorkshire Water fully endorse this means of surface water disposal.

The developer should note that further restrictions on surface water disposal from the site may be imposed by other parties. The developer is strongly advised to seek advice/comments from the Environment Agency/Land Drainage Authority/Internal Drainage Board with regard to surface water disposal from the site. The landowners' consent will be required for the construction of a new outfall structure.

As surface water from the site is not proposed to discharge to the public sewer network, no assessment of the capacity of the public sewers to receive surface water has been undertaken. Should the surface water disposal proposals change, further consultation with Yorkshire Water will be required.

Recommended Conditions: -

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the details shown on the submitted plan, " 'Plot Drainage' STE/26/14/09 dated 30/06/26 that has been prepared by Shaun Tonge", unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

(In the interest of satisfactory and sustainable drainage)

Yours faithfully

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Town Planning Team