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Dear Sir/Madam,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST No.0122**

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is below.

Planning application 140331 (Land adj to Fleets Road, Sturton by Stow) is published on the Council website. The Officer's assessment of the application is also published on the website. The Case Officer visited the site during consideration of the application (5<sup>th</sup> December 2019).

National planning policy (paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework (February 2019)) sets out that "major developments should incorporate sustainable drainage systems unless there is clear evidence that this would be inappropriate". The development proposed does not qualify as a major development, and is not within a location identified as being at risk of flooding, by the Environment Agency.

Nonetheless, it is local policy (policy LP14 of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan) that development proposals incorporate SUDS "unless they can be shown to be impractical".

Condition 7 of the permission requires the developer to submit details of drainage to be agreed "including any necessary soakaway / percolation tests". The officer's report sets out the hierarchy for drainage, as set out within National Guidance. ie. Discharge to a surface water sewer would only be considered if discharge: (1) into the ground (infiltration); or, (2) to a surface water body, is shown to be impractical.

It is both national (NPPF paragraph 163) and local (policy LP14) policy that development "does not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere". Any details submitted in discharge of condition 7 will be required to meet this policy.

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