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Application: 251821



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Dear WBC Drainage,

Full Planning Approval Consultation

Application Number: 251821

Applicant: Mr R WILLMOTT

Site Address: 67 Ellis Road, Crowthorne, Wokingham, RG45 6PP

Parish: Wokingham Without

Grid Reference: Easting - 483780, Northing - 164670

Type of Development: Minor Dwellings (1-9)

Proposal: Full application for the proposed erection of 1no. replacement dwelling and bike store, following demolition of existing dwelling and garage.

Case Officer: Cameron Young

Development Management has received the above application, and we require your comments on the proposal using the recommended memorandum below. The documents associated with this are available to view in NEC DM using the application number 251821. Alternatively, public documents are available to view on the Council's planning application search page: [Wokingham Borough Council Online Planning](#).

Please index your response into NEC DM against the application. If you are recommending conditions, you should give a reason with reference to relevant policies. A list of standard conditions can be requested from the case officer.

Your observations are required in respect of this application by **21 October 2025**.

Yours sincerely,
Development Management & Compliance

MEMORANDUM

From:	Boniface Ngu Flood Risk & Drainage		
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Site Visit Made:	No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
- ☐ No objection
- ☒ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
- ☐ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
- ☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

The existing dwelling is within flood zone 1, with parts of the site experiencing low risk surface water flooding.

We note from the **application form** that surface water will be managed by either SuDS or discharge into an existing surface water sewer while foul will discharge into an existing foul sewer.

We also note that groundwater levels in the area are quite high.

We would have no objection to the principle of the replacement dwelling, as represented by **proposed floor plans drawing 25/15/05 B dated July 2025**.

As drainage details have not been provided, we would **recommend the condition below**:

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

No development shall take place until full details of the drainage system for the site have been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. The details shall include:

- 1) Calculations indicating the existing runoff rate from the site.
- 2) BRE 365 test results demonstrating whether infiltration is achievable or not.
- 3) Use of SuDS following the SuDS hierarchy, preferably infiltration.

- 4) Full calculations demonstrating the performance of soakaways or capacity of attenuation features to cater for 1 in 100-year flood event with a 40% allowance for climate change and runoff controlled at Greenfield rates, or preferably better.
- 5) Simulation files (mdx, pfd, sws or iddx) for auditing.
- 6) If connection to an existing surface water sewer is proposed, we need to understand why other methods of the SuDS hierarchy cannot be implemented and see confirmation from the utilities supplier that their system has got capacity and the connection is acceptable.
- 7) A demonstration of how surface water runoff is going to be catered for, given that parts of the development site already suffer from surface water flooding.
- 8) A description of how the proposed development will deal with surface water overland flows.
- 9) Groundwater monitoring confirming seasonal high groundwater levels in the area.
- 10) A drainage strategy plan indicating the location and sizing of SuDS features, with the base of any SuDS features located at least 1m above the seasonal high water table level.
- 11) Details demonstrating how any SuDS for this development would be managed throughout the lifespan of the development and who will be responsible for maintenance.

The approved scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development and shall be maintained in the approved form for as long as the development remains on the site.

This is to prevent increased flood risk from surface water run-off. Relevant policy: NPPF (2023) Section 14 (Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change), Core Strategy policy CP1 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policies CC09 and CC10.

Date:	08/10/2025	Signed:	Boniface Ngu
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