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Application: 250702



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Dear WBC Drainage,

Full Planning Approval Consultation

Application Number: 250702

Applicant: Mr. Murray Lindsell

Site Address: 19 Grovelands Road, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1DP

Parish: Shinfield

Grid Reference: Easting - 471980, Northing - 166841

Type of Development: Minor All other developments

Proposal: Full application for the proposed erection of new church building (Use Class F1), construction of front wall and gates along with associated landscaping and car parking following demolition of existing buildings.

Case Officer: Rowan Reynolds

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 250702. 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 found on the Z Drive at: [Z:\Standard Planning Conditions](#).

Your observations are required in respect of this application within **10 working days** of the above date or **15 working days** if the development type is classed as a major development.

Yours sincerely,
Development Management & Compliance

MEMORANDUM

From:	Boniface Ngu Flood Risk & Drainage		
Service	WBC Drainage	App No:	250702
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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 site is within flood zone 1 and we would have no objection to the principle of the development, as represented by **proposals drawing 853-02 A dated 27/01/2025**.

Section 5.4 of ABP planning statement ABP/0431 dated 20/03/2025, states that the new hall is 162m² and there will be a reduction in buildings on the site, as well as new grass areas introduced.

We note that the site is currently all concrete surfacing, as indicated by the photos in the planning statement.

We note from the **application form** that SuDS will be used to manage surface water runoff from the development, while foul will discharge into an existing foul sewer.

As drainage details for the development 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) Calculations demonstrating that there will be no flooding of pipes for events up to and including the 1 in 100-year flood event with a 40% allowance for climate change.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Groundwater monitoring confirming seasonal high groundwater levels in the area.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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:	01/04/2025	Signed:	Boniface Ngu
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