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Subject: WW Consultation Response Puriton Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 consultation) Nov 2022

Importance: High

Thank you for consulting Wessex Water on the draft Puriton Neighbourhood Plan.

Draft Policy H5 identifies that Land South of Woolavington Road is allocated for development of around 120 dwellings. A preliminary review of the site on our GIS does not indicate any existing underground infrastructure crossing the site. Wessex Water have been liaising with the developer of the site to identify a point of water supply connection and a point of foul sewer discharge.

Draft Policy BNE1 High Quality and Sustainable Design. The Wessex Water region has been classified as being seriously water stress as identified by the Environment Agency. The proposed policy could be expanded to include the requirement for new development to be water efficient.

Draft Policy BNE2 Flood Risk. Wessex Water supports the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Best practice is to mimic the natural state of the site prior to development, installing SuDS can help achieve this. SuDS are designed to hold the surface water on site (attenuate) and then release (discharge) slowly to the environment through the SuDS hierarchy. SuDS attenuation can take a more natural form than underground tanks/pipes such as green roofs, ponds and swales which offer other development benefits for amenity, ecology and water quality.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

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