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Tonbridge & Malling Planning

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Response - Application TM/13/02723/RD
Isles Quarry Quarry Hill Road Borough Green Sevenoaks Kent
pursuant to conditions 21, 22 and 26 of planning permission TM/11/01191/FL

Details of surface water disposal, and scheme of disposal of foul water

As I understand the submission, it is proposed to dispose of half the surface water via the Bourne River, and half through the foul sewage network.

1. I would like reassurance that the introduction of the surface water into the Bourne will not introduce more contaminants to the river, and that the extra water flow will be engineered in such a way that it does not erode the banks and the streambed, nor impact on habitat.
2. I expressed deep concerns when the development was first submitted that the sewage infrastructure in Borough Green was already operating over capacity, agreeing with Southern Water's initial submission to the LDF that there was no spare capacity. Now that planning permission has been granted with no requirement to upgrade the system to cope, we belatedly learn that surface water will also be introduced. We think it is imperative that Southern Water revisit the proposals, and advise on upgrading the system EXTERNAL to the site.

Dormouse mitigation strategy and implementation timetable : No Observations

I note that the Highway Alterations and Thong Lane Bridge removal are mentioned in the preamble to this application, and therefore take the opportunity to reinforce the message:

1. No construction or remediation should be allowed to commence prior to the new entrance and traffic measures being undertaken, and the 7.5 tonne limit on Quarry Hill Rd implemented.
2. The Thong Lane bridge is the only surviving piece of Borough Green's Quarrying heritage, and must be preserved as such. I note that this development is providing absolutely nothing to the community upon which it will have such a devastating impact.

Should this application come before the Area 2 Committee in its own right, I would like to register my wish to speak.

Yours Sincerely

Mike Taylor
Chairman, Borough Green Parish Council