

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council
KNOWSLEY STREET, BURY, BL9 0SW

Reference: PA-0005093/01
Customer reference: 73125
10 July 2026

****additional information uploaded** Application to discharge condition 13 - Details of impacts to and measures to protect private water supplies on planning permission 66947 - Proposed works for and use of replacement section of aqueduct, including earthworks and ancillary infrastructure including: new valve house buildings and kiosk with permanent vehicular access provision; installation of tunnel shafts and open cut connection areas within a temporary construction compound, to include site access, storage areas, plant and machinery, drainage infrastructure and a residents' parking area. In addition, mine grouting works, to facilitate main tunnelling works.**

Land to east of M66 motorway, connecting Rochdale Road, Edenfield to Woodgate Hill WTW Compound, Bury

Dear Planning Officer,

Thank you for contacting us.

This is our response to your consultation 73125. We would like to make the following comments.

Environment Agency position

We have reviewed the submitted details relating to the discharge of condition 13.

Advice to the applicant

1. Please confirm in writing if there will be any dewatering in Phases 1 & 2 or not.
 - a. If no dewatering will occur during these initial works, then we can consider Condition 13 further for Phases 1 & 2.

However, on page 3 of the submitted document it states that *'the works associated with this phase are ... the commencement of substantive excavations works'* which implies that dewatering will occur during Phases 1 & 2. Therefore, the applicant will need to:

2. Provide a hydrogeological Technical Note detailing the volume, duration, and areal extent of the dewatering. This should detail the risk of this dewatering causing any adverse impact on the private water supplies and any agreed mitigation measures. This analysis should be supported by evidence such as from the monthly monitoring of these private water supplies.

Once this Technical Note has been submitted and assessed then a formal response regarding the discharge of these conditions will be provided.

The future phases of the construction works will involve significant dewatering and pose potentially high risk to the surrounding private water supplies. Therefore, to facilitate a timely response from the EA for any additional phases of work, the applicant will need to:

3. Provide a detailed hydrogeological report that includes a risk and impact assessment of the proposed dewatering operation, likely adverse impacts on the private water supplies, and the required mitigation measures. Similarly, this should use the monthly monitoring data, and any other relevant information, to provide supporting evidence.

As per our letter dated 8 September 2021 (see attached). Please can you confirm if an abstraction licence for the dewatering has been applied for?

Please forward a copy of this letter to the applicant.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact spplanning.rfh@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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