

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council
Town Hall
Knowsley Street
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Our ref: SO/2021/121072/01-L01
Your ref: 66697
Date: 12 April 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

CONSTRUCTION OF AN EARTH EMBANKMENT APPROXIMATELY 37M IN LENGTH WHICH WILL RAISE THE GROUND LEVEL TO 71.9MAOD. ERECTION OF A CONCRETE STEP 200MM IN HEIGHT RAISING THE GROUND LEVEL TO 71.77MAOD. INSTALLATION OF TWO 8MM WEATHERING PLATES AT THE UPSTREAM FACE OF HUTCHINSONS GOIT CULVERT. LAND AT HUTCHINSON'S GOIT, BURY ROAD, RADCLIFFE

Thank you for referring the above application to the Environment Agency.

We have no objection in principle to the proposed development / scheme design to be constructed adjacent to Bury Road (Drwg. DR-S-0213437/P03). However, we would wish to make the following comments.

Environment Agency position

Advice to LPA/applicant

The hydrological connectivity of Hutchinson's goit with downstream Swan Lodge SBI should be maintained. It is recommended new embankment is preferably landscaped using sub-soil rather top-soil and seeded with appropriate low maintenance grass-wildflower mix, to match with adjoining species rich meadow area and limit opportunities of invasive Himalayan balsam; identified in vicinity (Mott McDonald, Oct 2020); from establishing on new embankment.

Hutchinson's Goit is an "ordinary watercourse". The proposed modifications to the culvert carrying Hutchinson's Goit beneath Bury Road would require consent under the Land Drainage Act from Bury Council as Lead Local Flood Authority. We recommend you consult your own LLFA engineers if you have not already done so.

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Please forward a copy of this letter to the applicant.

Yours faithfully

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