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Town Hall
Knowsley Street
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Our ref: SO/2025/124787/01-L01
Your ref: 71622
Date: 26 March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

INSTALLATION OF FLOOD GATES

HARDYS GATE BRIDGE, DUMERS LANE, BURY, BL9 9UR

Thank you for referring the above application to the Environment Agency. We have no objection in principle to the proposed Installation of flood gates, be we would like to make the following comments.

Environment Agency position

Advice to the LPA

We advise that the LPA should take note of the following caveat:

We note that this application is a re-submission, of ref: 69802, and since the previous approved planning application the plan to use an upstream storage basin has been changed to a plan to use multiple NFM sites to mitigate the flow sufficiently to remove the adverse onwards pass of flows.

The long-term compliance of this proposal to planning policy is dependent on the delivery of the proposed NFM sites. We cannot impose planning conditions as part of this scheme due to the NFM itself not being part of this proposal or on the same site, and it is phased to occur after the flood gate has been installed.

Environmental permit - advice to applicant

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 require a permit or exemption to be obtained for any activities which will take place:

- on or within 8 metres of a main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 8 metres of a flood defence structure or culverted main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 16 metres of a sea defence
- involving quarrying or excavation within 16 metres of any main river, flood defence (including a remote defence) or culvert
- in the floodplain of a main river if the activity could affect flood flow or storage and potential impacts are not controlled by a planning permission

For further guidance please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits> or contact our National Customer Contact Centre on 03708 506 506 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.

The applicant should not assume that a permit will automatically be forthcoming once planning permission has been granted, and we advise them to consult with us at the earliest opportunity.

Please forward a copy of this letter to the applicant.

Yours faithfully

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