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Somerset Planning–South Team  
The Council Offices  
Brympton Way, Yeovil  
Somerset  
BA20 2HT

Dear Sir or Madam

**The Town & Country Planning Act 1990**  
**The Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015**

**Proposal:** Proposed drainage remediation on land to the north & south of Heathcote Road (B3151)

**Location:** RNAS Yeovilton Heathcote Road Yeovil BA22 8HT

**O.S. Grid reference:** 354161 123538

Thank you for referring the above application

Thank you for explaining the scheme in more details in the Drainage Options Analysis document. We understand that from all the options considered to improve the current drainage from the site, option 1C has been retained.

Option 1C requires laying a new pipe along the south side of the B3151 where there is already a culverted ditch. Will there be space in the verge for both culverts? The IDB would prefer an upgrade to the original culvert to take into consideration the added flow required to be drained between point marked option A and point marked option B.

The plan drawing RNAY-ACM-05-XX-SK-00001 Rev P03 shows option 1 C includes widening the ditch between Western approach and Northmead Brook. Could the brook be widened enough to avoid having to lay the pipe to the culverted watercourse under the runway (point marked option C on the drawing)?

We do not have any objection to option 1C however, as per the conclusion in the document, further analysis is required to understand:

1. The brownfield runoff from the site prior to construction of the current buildings. We would then require a betterment on that flow to compensate for climate change. Now that climate change is 45%, we require 45% betterment and not 20%.
2. The feasibility of constructing the scheme by the B3151
3. The capacity of the existing culverted watercourse underneath the runway and the impact of draining additional flow into it.
4. Could a mix of options 1A, 1B and 1C be used by upgrading existing pipes and widening channels rather than laying a new pipe all the way to the watercourse under the runway?

In addition to obtaining planning permission, any works within 9 m of a watercourse will be subject to a land drainage consent

The Board would request that the following informative is added to any permission that is granted:

**Informative:** The applicant is advised that, prior to works commencing on site, Land Drainage Consent is required under section 23 and 66 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 from the Internal Drainage Board for any

construction in, or within, 9m of a watercourse and for the introduction of additional flow into a watercourse in the Board's District (or from the Environment Agency for an EA Main River).

There must be no interruption to the surface water drainage system of the surrounding land as a result of the operations on the site. Provisions must be made to ensure that all existing drainage systems continue to operate effectively and that riparian owners upstream and downstream of the site are not adversely affected.

**Any email correspondence relating to this consultation response should be sent to [planning@somersetdbcs.co.uk](mailto:planning@somersetdbcs.co.uk)**

Yours Sincerely

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