Your Ref: SCC/0012/26SE
Our Ref: SCC/CON/0692/26
Date: 4 March 2026
Enquiries to: Floods@suffolk.gov.uk

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Suffolk County Council

For the attention of:

Dear Aimee Brannan,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

CONSULTATION RETURN: SCC/0012/26SE

PROPOSAL: Proposal: The installation of a fire suppression system and associated ancillary infrastructure

LOCATION: Haverhill Waste Transfer Station Homefield Road Haverhill CB9 8QP

Suffolk County Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), is a statutory consultee under the Town and Country Planning Act for major applications and some minor applications where flooding has been identified.

The LLFA has reviewed application Ref: SCC/0012/26SE and the following submitted documents. The proposal is unlikely to cause any significant intensification of surface water runoff, and therefore we have no comment to make, and we would point the LPA and the applicant towards the following guidance: -

Proposed water tank & pump house elevations (planning). Dwg no: 302, Rev: S01. Date: 23.09.2025
Haverhill TS proposed site layout. Dwg no: 305, Rev: S04. Date: 09.01.2026

- Long Term Flood Risk - https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk
- Flood risk assessment: standing advice - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessment-standing-advice
- What is meant by “minor development” in relation to flood risk - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-and-coastal-change#minor-development-to-flood-risk

The Local Planning Authority should be mindful that the application complies with national & local policy, best practise, and guidance in relation to flood risk and surface water drainage.

Relevant Policies in relation to Flood Risk & SuDS
National Legislation/Codes:

- National Planning Policy Framework
- Defra's National standards for sustainable drainage systems (SuDS)
- Building Regulations: Approved Document H - Drainage and Waste Disposal (2015 edition)

- BS8582:2013 Code of Practice for Surface Water Management for Development Sites
- National Design Guide, Planning Practise Guidance for beautiful, enduring, and successful places

Local Policy:

- Suffolk Flood Risk Management Strategy and Appendices
- West Suffolk Council (Policy DM6 Flooding and Sustainable Drainage)

Informatives

- Any discharge to a watercourse or groundwater needs to comply with the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017
- Any works to lay new surface water drainage pipes underneath the public highway will need a licence under section 50 of the New Roads and Street Works Act

Yours Sincerely,
Arinaitwe Byamukama
Flood & Water Engineer
Growth, Highways and Infrastructure