

APPENDIX TO THE MINUTES OF  
AWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021  
TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE ON APPLICATIONS

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| Applic. No. | 21/00992/FULLS   | Case Officer: | Mrs Sarah Appleton |
| Proposal    | Installation of a communal sewage treatment plant and associated works (Retrospective) |               |                    |
| Site        | Crofton , Kents Oak, Awbridge, <b>AWBRIDGE</b>   |               |                    |
| Expiry Date | 30 April 2021  |               |                    |

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AWBRIDGE Parish Council has considered the above submitted proposal and makes the following observation.

Support ☐      No objection ☐      No comment ☐      Objection ☒  
(Specify reasons below)

Reasons for objection:

The objection by the Parish Council is based upon the suitability of the ditch intended to handle discharge from the sewage treatment plant, and its capacity to do so.

Additional comments/observations:

The Parish Council believes that the ditch in question is 'blind', does not connect to any other water course, and is incapable of containing the levels of discharge likely during periods of high domestic usage, and high levels of precipitation.

The Parish Council asks that TVBC Planning Department determines, in conjunction with the Environment Agency, that the ditch into which the sewerage packet system will discharge connects with a water source and is therefore suitable for this purpose.

Position: *[Signature]* ..... Date: 30/04/2021 .....

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The Parish Council has concerns regarding the water discharge permit submitted to TVBC as part of the planning application and would ask that the Planning Department confirm with the Environment Agency that the permit currently in place replaces that issued to ASCIA Construction (and subsequently withdrawn in November 2019), and what daily discharge level is authorised by the new/transferred permit. Can TVBC Planning Department also please confirm with the Environment Agency that the details supplied to it to obtain a water discharge permit considered periods of increased precipitation. Paragraph numbered 12. of the applicants planning statement notes:

*"...that there was excessive water being discharged into the ditch on Monday 28th December 2020 and on a date in January 2021. The reason for this was that there was water ingress into one of the sewage treatment chambers due to a fault. This allowed more water to be discharged than the controlled rate".*

The Parish Council is concerned that the above incidents occurred when the new build properties were unoccupied and may raise questions about the efficacy of the water discharge arrangements.

#### **Planning Conditions**

Should permission be granted for this communal sewage treatment plant, the Parish Council requests that the following conditions be attached:

A clause be put in place confirming English Development's responsibility for:

- I. the routine annual emptying of the system
- II. the system's ongoing maintenance.
- III. the production of a detailed management system to address the possible failure of the treatment plant, and/or the failure of the ditch to contain the amount of discharge, especially at times of high rainfall.