

06<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Re: PP-11654353 - A Wilder Walkmill Planning Application**

**Sustainable Drainage System Statement**

We believe it is not appropriate to incorporate SUDS into this planning application because, although classed as a Minor Development, there is no erection or construction of any buildings, and the only works to be undertaken are excavations of ponds / scrapes, re-routing of an existing stream into a new watercourse, and the creation of additional footpaths to be used by pedestrians to access the woodlands.

The site is not within a flood zone and is currently semi-mature woodland / rough pasture (ungrazed). The entire site exceeds 38 hectares yet we are only proposing to work on approximately 1/5 of the total area: there is no disruption to the existing overland drainage occurring on site. Multiple drainage ditches can be found across the site and the land slopes naturally towards the River Keekle, so there is no risk of any flooding being caused by our proposed activities.

Yours Sincerely,

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