

Newport City Council
Civic Centre
Newport
NP20 4UR

Date: 13th July 2026

Our Ref: 1000512

Your Ref: 26/0402

Grid Ref: 331530,187050

Site: 149 Commercial Road Newport, Newport, NP20 2PJ

Development: DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING DERELICT STRUCTURE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MIXED USE BUILDING PROVIDING A GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL UNIT AND 5NO. SELF CONTAINED RESIDENTIAL FLATS ABOVE

We refer to your planning consultation relating to the above site, and we can provide the following comments in respect to the proposed development.

Sewerage

We can confirm capacity exists within the public sewerage network in order to receive the domestic foul only flows from the proposed development site. We recommend that the existing private drainage on site should be utilised to avoid any new direct connection to the public sewerage system.

Turning to surface water drainage, as of 7th January 2019, this proposed development may be subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. In the event this proposed development amounts to a total impermeable area of 100sqm or more, approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features will be required in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. However, in this instance, we would advise that there is no agreement to communicate surface water flows into the public combined sewer. Furthermore, Planning Policy Wales highlights that any surface water from new developments should not be discharged to combined systems because of the risk of pollution when combined systems overflow (Para 6.6.3). Accordingly, as a material consideration within the planning process and notwithstanding the submitted application form, we recommend a condition that specifies no surface water flows shall communicate directly or indirectly to the public sewerage system.

Notwithstanding this, we would request that if you are minded to grant Planning Consent for the above development that the **Conditions** and **Advisory Notes** listed below are included within the consent to ensure no detriment to existing residents or the environment and to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water's assets.

Conditions

No surface water and/or land drainage shall be allowed to connect directly or indirectly with the public sewerage network.

Reason: To prevent hydraulic overloading of the public sewerage system, to protect the health and safety of existing residents and ensure no pollution of or detriment to the environment.

Advisory Notes

The applicant may need to apply to Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water for any connection to the public sewer under S106 of the Water industry Act 1991. If the connection to the public sewer network is either via a lateral drain (i.e. a drain which extends beyond the connecting property boundary) or via a new sewer (i.e. serves more than one property), it is now a mandatory requirement to first enter into a Section 104 Adoption Agreement (Water Industry Act 1991). The design of the sewers and lateral drains must also conform to the Welsh Ministers Standards for Gravity Foul Sewers and Lateral Drains, and conform with the publication "Sewers for Adoption"- 7th Edition. Further information can be obtained via the Developer Services pages of www.dwrcymru.com

The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on our maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. The presence of such assets may affect the proposal. In order to assist us in dealing with the proposal the applicant may contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water to establish the location and status of the apparatus. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times.

In accordance with Planning Policy Wales (Edition 12) and Technical Advice Note 12 (Design), the applicant is advised to take a sustainable approach in considering water supply in new development proposals, including utilising approaches that improve water efficiency and reduce water consumption. We would recommend that the applicant liaises with the relevant Local Authority Building Control department to discuss their water efficiency requirements.

Our response is based on the information provided by your application. Should the proposal alter during the course of the application process we kindly request that we are re-consulted and reserve the right to make new representation.

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If you have any queries please contact the undersigned on 0800 917 2652 or via email at developer.services@dwrcymru.com. Please quote our reference number in all communications and correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Developer Services

Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water