*To : Alison Tregale, Developer Manager, SWW*

*Dear Ms Tregale,*

***Re K.D Homes Development at Strawberry Hill, Lympstone - surface water discharge***

*Following the recent discussions between yourself and the Parish Council's Lympstone Flood Resilience Group, we are writing to confirm the position of the Lympstone Parish Council in this matter.*

*We understand that a number of the affordable homes at the above site are imminently available for release by the developer, subject to a final agreement about the discharge of surface water flows from the site.*

*We also understand that the developer has sought various solutions to the disposal of the surface water, which have proved unacceptable, and that the final long term solution will be a new surface water pipe which will run from the site and under Strawberry Hill and connect into the existing surface water pipe in Birch Road.*

*In the interim, it is proposed that a short term connection is made into the existing combined sewer adjacent to the development site, which will take the attenuated flows from the site.*

*The LFRG and the Parish Council are generally opposed to the inclusion of surface water into Lympstone's combined sewers, and as you know, this has been the subject of much communication recently. We believe that the inclusion of relatively large volumes of surface water into an already overloaded sewerage system with combined flows then being pumped to Exmouth for treatment, is generally unacceptable.*

*However, in this particular case, and in the interests of the early release of the affordable homes, the Parish Council will accept the short term solution of the connection into the combined sewer, if we can be assured beyond doubt that the long term solution is to be implemented within a reasonable time frame.*

*It is our understanding that South West Water has already secured the funds from the developer for a part of the agreed long term solution mentioned above, and that a legal commitment will be made between SWW and the developer that the remaining funds will be provided within the next six months, after which SWW will implement the surface water drainage scheme in Strawberry Hill/ Birch Road.*

*We seek your confirmation in writing that our understanding as above is correct, and that the surface water scheme will be implemented shorty after the 6 month period mentioned. We also request that the Lympstone Parish Council are indemnified by SWW against any claims to properties as a result of flooding due to the temporary arrangement. Following the receiot of your letter of confirmation, the Parish Council and the LFRG are prepared to accept the short term connection of surface water attenuated flows from the site to the adjacent combined sewer.*

*If you need to discuss any of the above matters, please contact Helen Dimond or John Brewer.*

*Yours Sincerely,*