

From: Kathryn Welch
Sent: 07 May 2026 16:23
To: Planning Scanning
Subject: FW: LU/8/26/PL MUGA at St Catherines Roman Catholic Primary School

Please upload. Comments from estates manager.

Thanks,

Kathryn Welch
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From: Leanne Todd
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Dear Kathryn, I am responding on behalf of the school, as Head of Estates for the Trust.

Thank you for your email and for setting out the consultation responses received to date.

We acknowledge the comments raised by ADC Drainage Engineers and the need for additional technical evidence in relation to infiltration assumptions, hydraulic capacity and flood risk. We are currently reviewing these points with our consultants to understand what further work may be required and the associated implications.

I should note that progressing and/or revising the application carries cost implications, and the school’s budgets are already under significant pressure. In light of this, it would be helpful to discuss the matter directly with you to understand the most proportionate and pragmatic way forward. If possible, we would welcome a meeting to explore the available options and likely expectations from the Council.

At this stage, we do not wish to withdraw the application without first understanding the planning position more fully. However, should withdrawal ultimately be considered the most appropriate route, I would be grateful if you could also clarify whether any refund of the application fee would apply in these circumstances.

We also note the Ecologist’s comments, which we understand could be addressed through amendments and/or conditions should the drainage matters be satisfactorily resolved.

I look forward to your advice, and please let me know if you would be willing to meet.

Kind Regards,

Leanne Todd

Head of Estates



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From: Kathryn Welch <>
Sent: 01 May 2026 09:41
To: Office at St Catherines RC Primary School
Subject: LU/8/26/PL MUGA at St Catherines Roman Catholic Primary School

Dear Mr Croghan

Further to our ongoing consideration of the above application, I write to update you on the consultation responses received to date.

Comments have now been received from a number of consultees, and the full responses are available to view online. Of particular note are the comments from ADC Drainage Engineers, who have raised concerns regarding missing information and have objected on several points. At this stage, they advise that ground investigations and/or further evidence relating to hydraulic checks from Southern Water would be required to address their concerns.

You may or may not be aware, ground investigations can generally only be undertaken during the winter months (October–March), and discussions with Southern Water may also take some time to conclude. In the absence of this information, the application is currently considered liable for refusal due to the identified uncertainties and the potential for an increased risk of flooding both on and off site.

Additionally, comments have been received from the ADC Ecologist. While these issues would not, in themselves, form a reason for refusal, they would require amendments to be made to the proposal.

In light of the above, it may be preferable to withdraw the current application, with a view to resubmitting once the necessary investigations and supporting information have been obtained.

Please could you provide your client's response by **6 May at the latest**, so that we can advise on the next steps.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Kathryn Welch

Senior Planning Officer, Planning Department

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