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Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your request for environmental information. We appreciate your interest, and we want to let you know that your request has been carefully considered in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

Your request:

I am requesting specific structural and environmental data regarding the surface water drainage network, combined sewer infrastructure, and outfall assets serving the Omega Development Site in Warrington (formerly Burtonwood Airbase) and its subsequent discharge into the local watercourses, including Whittle Brook and Sankey Brook.

Please provide the following detailed information and records in a digital format (PDF maps, GIS shapefiles, or data spreadsheets):

1. Drainage Network and Pipe Maps - Comprehensive, up-to-date maps detailing the complete surface water drainage and combined sewer pipe network serving the entire Omega development footprint.

The mapped locations of all surface water outfalls where runoff from the Omega site discharges into the local natural watercourses (specifically Whittle Brook, Sankey Brook, or their tributaries).

2. Attenuation and Flow Control Assets - The exact locations, structural dimensions, and maximum storage capacities of all underground detention tanks, attenuation basins, and storm chambers serving the Omega site.

The permitted, engineered discharge rates (in litres per second) for the flow control devices (e.g., Hydro-Brakes) governing the release of surface water from the Omega site into the downstream public network and watercourses.

3. Telemetry and Discharge Data - A list of any Event Duration Monitors (EDM) or telemetry sensors installed on the surface water outfalls or Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) that manage the Omega catchment's runoff.

If applicable, the spill logs and discharge duration data for these specific outfalls for the period between January 2020 and the present date.

Clarification on Scope - I recognize that certain public water supply mains may be restricted for security reasons. To be clear, this request is strictly limited to surface water, drainage, sewerage, and flood attenuation infrastructure, which explicitly constitutes "environmental information" under the EIR 2004, as it directly impacts the state of the local water elements and landscapes.

Our response:

Question 1

United Utilities Water Ltd is required to make both water and sewer plans available to view for free. If you wish to view the wastewater network plans for this area, you can do so via United Utilities' on-line viewing facility.

Property Searches manages the appointment diary on behalf of UU Water Ltd so please contact them on 03707 510101 to book an appointment. You can read more about this on our website, here: Property Searches : United Utilities

Question 2

United Utilities does not own or operate any underground detention tanks, attenuation basins or storm chambers on the Omega site. As such, under Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR, we cannot provide information on these assets, as it is not held.

The Omega site itself was privately developed over multiple stages. The table below outlines each of those stages, and whether any attenuation or flow control assets were installed by the developer.

Scheme stage	Attenuation / Flow Control
Access Road Leading to Fortress Boulevard	No attenuation or flow control.
Omega Phase 5	No attenuation or flow control.
Omega Phase 6	No attenuation or flow control.
Omega Phase 3A	Attenuation basin and flow control provided at 30.6 l/s, maintained by the Land Trust. No attenuation or flow control offered for adoption.
Omega Phase 3B	Unrestricted discharge to pond as part of the wider drainage strategy. Pond discharges to the watercourse at 97 l/s. No attenuation or flow control offered for adoption.
Omega South 7EF	No attenuation or flow control.
Omega South Phase R2	Four flow controls provided. Two offered for adoption by United Utilities (10.8 l/s and 20 l/s) controlling discharge to the public sewer. Two 5 l/s controls not offered for adoption. No attenuation offered for adoption.
Omega South Phase 3 Infrastructure	Foul sewer only.

Omega South Phase 3 Sophia Drive	Foul sewer only.
Omega North Phase 2	No attenuation or flow control.
Omega Boulevard	No attenuation or flow control.
Omega South R3/R4 Infrastructure	No attenuation or flow control.

Only one of these development phase schemes, Omega South Phase R2 (4200014984), had flow control assets installed that were subsequently adopted by United Utilities. However, please note that these controls restrict flows entering the public sewer network (at 30.8 l/s) and do not control discharges to a watercourse. No attenuation features were offered for adoption as part of this development phase.

The remaining schemes either have no attenuation or flow controls in place, form part of a wider drainage strategy that allows unrestricted discharge to ponds, watercourses, or other phases, or contain attenuation and flow control features that were not offered for adoption and are therefore not maintained by United Utilities. We do not hold information on storage capacity, structural dimensions or exact locations, as these features were kept private on all schemes. As such, under Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR, we cannot provide information on these assets, as it is not held.

Question 3

The location of all our Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) is displayed on our interactive storm overflow map, that is available online at the following location:

Storm overflow map | United Utilities - Better Rivers

As can be seen on the map extracted from this website, United Utilities does not have any CSOs in the Omega development area. The closest CSOs are located outside of this area in Sankey Valley Park and Great Sankey. As such, there are no event duration monitors (EDM) or telemetry sensors to list. Therefore, under Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR, we cannot provide this information, as it is not held.

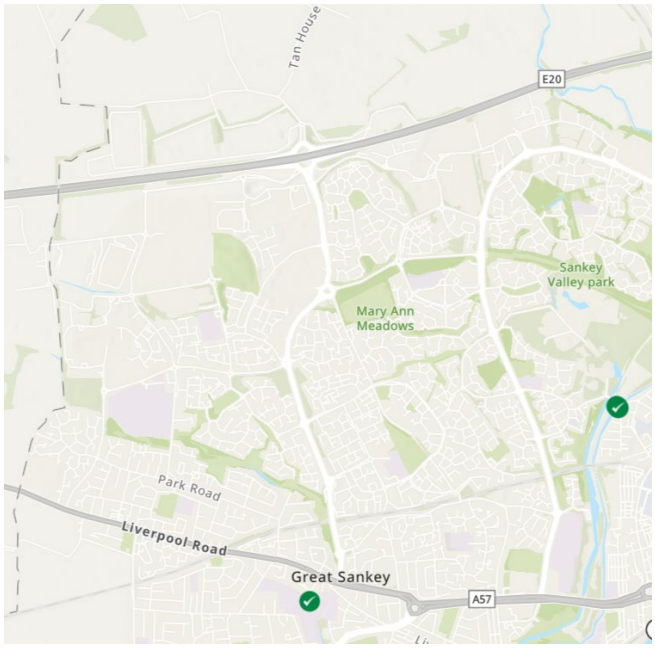

Figure 1 – Map of CSOs

We hope that this response answers your request. However, if you're not satisfied with how we've handled it, you can request an internal review. To do this, please write to us at Environmental Information Office, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere, Warrington, WA5 3LP or email us at EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk, addressing your request to [redacted], and explaining why you're unhappy with our response. We'll be very happy to review your request and ensure we've done everything we can to assist you.

Any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this response, and we will reply within 40 working days from receipt of the request for internal review.

Many thanks

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We'd love to hear your feedback on how we handled your request! If you have a moment, please complete our short survey here – your input helps us improve our service.