# **Planning Officer's Report - LDCA JUNE 2024**

**APPLICATION** 2024/16 – Installation of Sump Tank with Macerator & Lift

System

**PERMISSION SOUGHT** Full Permission

**REGISTERED** 23 May 2024

**APPLICANT** Marvin Benjamin (c/o Russell Yon)

PARCEL LWN0198

LOCALITY Colt Sheds, Longwood

**ZONE** Intermediate

CONSERVATION AREA None

**CURRENT USE** Existing House

**PUBLICITY** The application was advertised as follows:

Independent Newspaper on 23 May 2024.

A site notice displayed in accordance with Regulations.

**EXPIRY** 07 June 2024

**REPRESENTATIONS** None

DECISION ROUTE Delegated / LDCA / EXCO

## A. CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

1. Sewage & Water Division No Objection 2. **Energy Division** No Response 3. Fire & Rescue No Response 4. **Roads Section** No Response **Property Division** 5. No Response **Environmental Management** No Response 6. **Public Health** 7. No Response 8. Agriculture & Natural Resources No Response St Helena Police Services Not Consulted 10. Aerodrome Safe Guarding Not Consulted 11. Economic Development No Objection 12. National Trust No Response 13. Sure SA Ltd No Objection 14. Heritage Society No Response 15. Maritime Not Applicable

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### B. PLANNING OFFICER'S APPRAISAL

### **LOCALITY & ZONING**

This plot is located within the residential area of Colt Sheds, Longwood, where it is designated within the Intermediate Zone and has no conservation area restrictions.

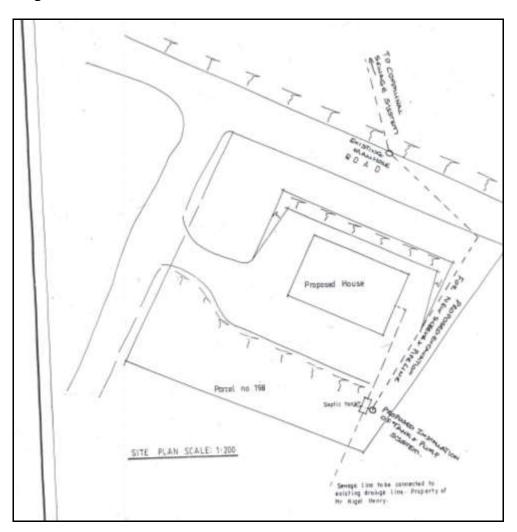
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**Diagram 1: Location Plan** 

### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The developer proposes to install a sump tank with a macerator and lift pump system, to replace the current sewage system which has been giving them issues. The new sewage system waste line will be connected to the communal sewage system owned and operated by *Connect St. Helena*. Excavation of the main public highway will be required in order to install the new sewage system. The developer has approval from *Connect St. Helena*, who have already installed a stub into the manhole for an easier connection process.

Diagram 2: Site Plan



**Diagram 3: Sewage Pump System Schematic** 



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#### STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK & REPRESENTATIONS

There were no representations or objections received from stakeholders or any members of the public.

### **LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK**

The relevant policies of the Land Development Control Plan (LDCP 2012 - 2022) that are applicable in the assessment of the proposed development are set out below:

Intermediate Zone: Policies IZ1

Housing Policy

Sewage, Storm and Drainage: Policies SD1 (a, b and c), SD3

#### OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT

In assessing this development proposal of an investigated solution to a chronic issue with the developer's sewage system, the proposal to install a sump tank with a macerator and lift pump system, can be considered a well-informed choice, in an effort to solve the situation with the current sewage system. The new sewage system will be installed within the applicant's boundary lines. The installation will require excavation of the public highway, which is also the main access for residents in the immediate area, however, there are alternative access routes for residents to use during the time of installation. The developer has approached Roads Section and Highways Authority to seek approval for this work. Approval from Connect St. Helena for the connection of the sump tank to the communal sewage system has been granted. To conclude, this proposal is a solution for an ongoing sewage issue that will not only be cost effective to the developer, but also solve the issue with the current sewage tank and soakaway. Therefore, this development proposal can be supported, as it has no adverse effect on the amenity or aesthetic of the immediate area. To conclude; the proposal complies with the Intermediate Zone policies and therefore can be supported.