



**ENVIRONMENT  
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## **Consent to discharge**

Water Resources Act 1991

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**Consent holder name**

Mr D Nash  
Owley Barn  
Owley Farm  
Ditcheat  
Shepton Mallet  
BA4 6NB

**Consent to discharge  
from**

Owley Farm  
Ditcheat  
Shepton Mallet  
Somerset  
BA4 6NB

Consent number

101961

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## Consent history

Detail	Date	Comment
<i>Not Previously Consented</i>		

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Water Resources Act 1991  
Section 88, Schedule 10  
(as amended by the  
Environment Act 1995)



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## Consent to discharge

Consent number  
**101961**

To:  
**Mr D Nash ("the Consent Holder")  
Owley Barn  
Owley Farm  
Ditcheat  
Shepton Mallet  
BA4 6NB**

The Environment Agency ("the Agency") in pursuance of its powers under the Water Resources Act 1991 hereby consents to the making of a discharge / discharges of:

**Biologically Treated Sewage**

From:  
**Three dwellings**

At:  
**Owley Farm, Ditcheat, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6NB**


To:  
**A soakaway in the River Brue catchment**

Subject to the conditions set out in this notice of Consent to Discharge.

*Subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 7 and 8 of Schedule 10 of the Water Resources Act 1991, no notice shall be served by the Agency, altering this consent, without the agreement of the Consent Holder, during a period of 4 years from the date this notice is issued.*

This consent is issued and takes effect on: **27/9/02**

Signed


Water Quality Consenting Team Leader

# 1 Conditions of consent for Biologically Treated Sewage

## 1.1 Start date

- 1.1.1 The conditions of this consent shall take effect on the date of signature of this consent.

## 1.2 Nature

- 1.2.1 The Discharge shall consist solely of biologically treated sewage effluent.

## 1.3 Location

- 1.3.1 The Discharge shall be made in the manner and at the place specified as:
- a** discharging from three dwellings at Owley Farm, Ditcheat, Shepton Mallet
  - b** discharging to soakaway in the River Brue catchment
  - c** at National Grid Reference ST 6376 3640
  - d** shown marked A on the Plan attached

## 1.4 Volume

- 1.4.1 The volume of the Discharge shall not exceed 3 cubic metres per day.

## 1.5 Composition

- 1.5.1 The Discharge shall not contain more than;
- a** 40 milligrammes per litre of biochemical oxygen demand (measured after 5 days at 20°C with nitrification suppressed by the addition of allyl-thiourea);
  - b** 60 milligrammes per litre of suspended solids (measured after drying at 105°C)
- 1.5.2 As far as is reasonably practicable, the works shall be operated so as to prevent the Discharge from containing any significant trace of visible oil or grease.
- 1.5.3 Surface water shall be kept separate from the domestic effluent.

**1.6 Sample point conditions**

- 1.6.1 An appropriately labelled sample point shall be provided and maintained at National Grid Reference ST 6376 3640 at the inspection chamber as shown marked 1 on the Plan attached, so that a representative sample of the Discharge may be obtained. The Consent Holder shall ensure that all constituents of the Discharge pass through the said sampling point at all times and in any legal proceedings it shall, for the purposes of Section 10 of the Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) Act 1961, be presumed, until the contrary is shown that any sample of the Discharge taken at the said sampling point is a sample of what was discharging into the ground.

**1.7 Recording and reporting**

- 1.7.1
- a** The Consent Holder shall establish and operate a documented maintenance programme and record all non-routine actions undertaken that may have adversely affected effluent quality. Copies of the programme shall be made available for inspection by the Agency's officers at all reasonable times.
  - b** On request the Consent Holder shall supply the Agency with a written report on the maintenance and all non-routine actions that may have adversely affected effluent quality

**1.8 Kinnersley Rubric**

- 1.8.1
- a** The Discharge shall not contain any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter or solid waste matter.
  - b** Provided that the Discharge hereby consented is made in accordance with the conditions of this consent, such discharge shall not be taken to be in breach of condition a above by reason of containing substances or having properties identified in and controlled by these conditions.

**1.9 Maintenance**

- 1.9.1 The works shall be operated and maintained in accordance with good operational practice such that:
- a** it remains fully operational except at times of unavoidable mechanical or electrical breakdown which shall be attended to and returned to normal operation as soon as practicable after the failure
  - b** the Agency shall be informed of any failure that may have adversely affected effluent quality as soon as practicable after the failure
  - c** tanks shall be desludged at sufficient frequency and in such a manner to prevent excessive carryover of suspended solids.

1.10 **Design of the treatment system and soakaway**

1.10.1 The treatment plant and soakaway system shall be designed and constructed in accordance with B.S. 6297 : 1983, and B.S. 4660 : 1989.

1.10.2 No part of the soakaway associated with the outlet shall be within:

- a** 50 metres of any well, borehole or spring source of private water supply,
- b** 50 metres of any existing soakaway,
- c** 10 metres of any watercourse.

## Consent Notes

**The consent notes below are provided for explanation and clarification, they do not form conditions of the consent.**

If you are not satisfied with the terms of this consent you may appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment; any such appeal must be made within three months of the issue of the consent.

This consent includes a copy of a map showing the location of the site to which this consent relates and a plan of the site to assist in interpretation of the consent. The outlets and sampling points are marked with letters and numbers as stated in the text.

The conditions attached to this consent remain in force unless varied as a result of appeal or review. They are binding on the holder of the consent who should be the person or persons responsible for the discharge. When responsibility for the Discharge is transferred, the person who was the former Consent Holder must transfer the consent to the new person and inform the Agency within 21 days of the transfer date. In the event of death or bankruptcy of the Consent Holder the Agency should be contacted.

The law requires that the site and plant shall be accessible at all times to the Agency's representatives for the purpose of enabling them to determine whether any provision made by or under any of the water pollution provisions of the Water Resources Act 1991 (as amended by the Environment Act 1995) is being or has been contravened. The Agency's representatives may take samples or measurements of flows or install equipment to take measurements and flows. Facilities must be provided as required for these purposes.

A Consent under Schedule 10 of the Act, covers water quality considerations only. It does not give any right or permission to discharge where land is not owned by the applicant. The responsibility for negotiating wayleaves, easements etc. to use or cross another person's land rests with the Consent Holder. In addition, for discharges to watercourse, it does not imply the suitability, with regard to volumetric capacity, of the receiving watercourses. It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify and negotiate, with the riparian owners as necessary, any requirement for downstream improvement works. Failure to do so could result in a Common Law action by the riparian owner.

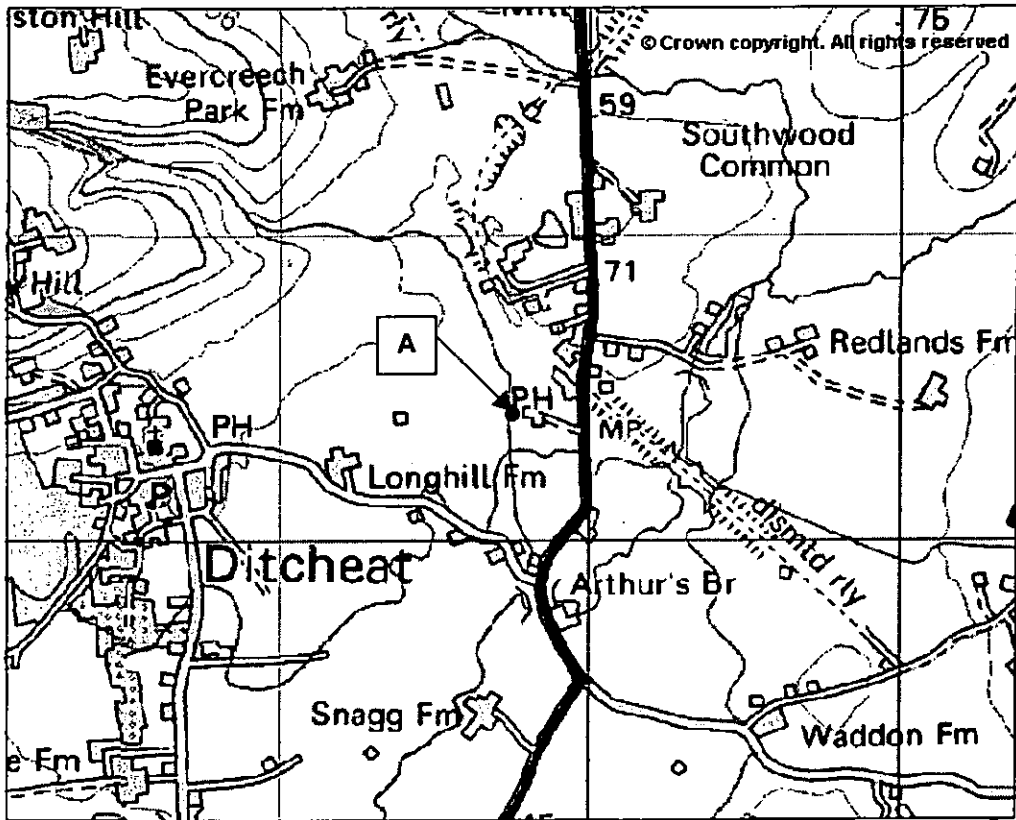
This consent is not to be taken as providing a statutory defence against a charge under Section 85(1) in respect of any constituent for which it does not specify limits.

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## Plan Key

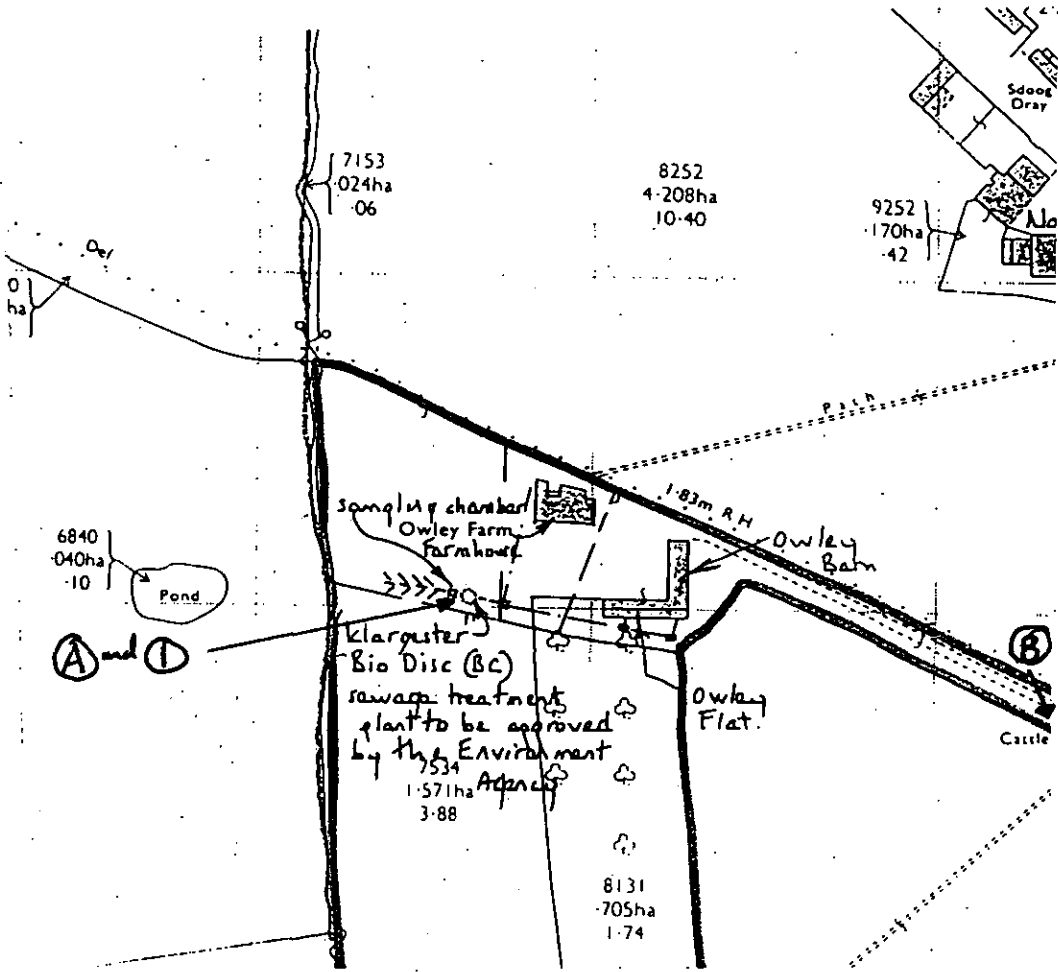
Plan Ref:	Description	National Grid Reference
A	Final effluent outlet	ST 6376 3640
1	Final effluent sampling point	ST 6376 3640
B	Site main entrance	ST 6395 3636

# Site location plan



*J.D. [Signature]*  
27/9/02

# Site layout plan



*J. D. [Signature]*  
22/9/02