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Date 5th February 2025

Dear Stephanie,

RE: DC/24/1538 – Land to the south of Furners Lane, Henfield, West Sussex

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 11th January 2025. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

The applicant has provided an updated Flood Risk Assessment and updated Drainage Strategy to account for the local flood risk issues and surface water drainage at this location. Following a review of the submitted documents, the details are in accordance with NPPF and local planning policy.

The issues raised previously have been adequately addressed.

We have **no objection subject to conditions being attached to any consent** if this application is approved, and the Applicant is in agreement with pre-commencement conditions. We suggest the following wording. If the following conditions are not included, the development would be contrary to NPPF and local planning policy and we would **object** until such time that the details below are submitted for review.

Condition 1

Prior to the commencement of development, construction drawings of the surface water drainage network, associated sustainable drainage components and flow control mechanisms and a construction method statement shall be submitted and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This shall be supported by calculations. The scheme shall then be constructed as per the agreed drawings, method statement, Drainage Strategy Report by Abstract Consulting, 23/01/2025, revision P04 and Flood Risk Assessment by Abstract Consulting, 23/01/2025, revision P03 and remain in perpetuity for the lifetime of the development unless agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No alteration to the agreed drainage scheme shall occur without prior written approval from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the development achieves a high standard of sustainability and to comply with NPPF and Policy 38 in Horsham District Planning Framework.

Condition 2

The development hereby approved shall not be first occupied until details of the maintenance and management of the sustainable drainage scheme have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The drainage scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved and thereafter managed and maintained in accordance with the approved details in perpetuity. The Local Planning Authority shall be granted access to inspect the sustainable drainage scheme for the lifetime of the development. The details of the scheme to be submitted for approval shall include:

- I. a timetable for its implementation,
- II. details of SuDS features and connecting drainage structures and maintenance requirement for each aspect
- III. a management and maintenance plan for the lifetime of the development which shall include the arrangements for adoption by any public body or statutory undertaker, or any other arrangements to secure the operation of the sustainable drainage scheme throughout its lifetime.

Reason: To ensure that the development achieves a high standard of sustainability and ensure the flood risk is adequately addressed for each new dwelling and not increased in accordance with NPPF and Policy 38 in Horsham District Planning Framework.

Condition 3

Upon completion of the surface water drainage system, including any SuDS features, and prior to the first occupation of the development; a survey and report from an independent surveyor shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The survey and report shall demonstrate that the surface water drainage system has been constructed in accordance with the details approved pursuant to *Condition 1*. Where necessary, details of corrective works to be carried out along with a timetable for their completion, shall be included for approval in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any corrective works required shall be carried out in accordance with the approved timetable and subsequently re-surveyed with the findings submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the flood risk is adequately addressed, not increased and users remain safe for the lifetime of the development in accordance with NPPF and Policy 38 in Horsham District Planning Framework.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

The following documents have been reviewed, which have been submitted to support the application;

Drainage Strategy Report by Abstract Consulting, 23/01/2025, revision P04

Flood Risk Assessment by Abstract Consulting, 23/01/2025, revision P03