

Application reference: DC/22/2297

Site address: Storrington Squash Club, Greyfriars Lane, Storrington, RH20 4HE

Applicant: Storrington Squash Club Ltd

Application type: Section 73 – Removal of Condition 13 (Water Neutrality)

1. Introduction

This Statement supports a Section 73 application seeking the removal of Condition 13 attached to planning permission DC/22/2297, relating to water-neutrality mitigation.

Condition 13 was imposed solely because of Natural England's Water Neutrality Position Statement, which was in effect at the time of the original decision.

2. Basis for Removal of Condition 13

Since the grant of planning permission:

- Natural England formally withdrew the Water Neutrality Position Statement on 4 November 2025.
- Horsham District Council confirmed that applicants are no longer required to demonstrate water-neutrality mitigation.
- The planning authority has acknowledged that water-neutrality is no longer a constraint for determining planning applications within the district.

Given that the justification for Condition 13 no longer exists, the condition has become unnecessary and unreasonable, and its removal is fully justified.

3. No Other Changes Proposed

This Section 73 application seeks to remove Condition 13 only.
There are:

- no changes to the approved plans,
- no changes to the scale, layout, or nature of the development, and
- no additional impacts arising.

4. Conclusion

The requirement for water-neutrality mitigation is no longer supported by national or local planning policy. Condition 13 has therefore become outdated, unenforceable, and unnecessary.

The applicant respectfully requests that Condition 13 be removed in full.

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Director, Storrington Squash Club Ltd
Date: 27th November 2025