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Planning Reference: **DC/25/2006**

Site Address: **Land East of 1 To 25 Hayes Lane Slinfold West Sussex**

Planning Description: **Outline application with all matters to be reserved except for access and layout, for the erection of 38no. dwellings, (including 13no. on-site affordable housing units), together with access from Hayes Lane, vehicle and cycle parking, landscaping, open space and play provision, sustainable drainage, and re-alignment of Public Right of Way No.3782**

Dear Sam,

Thank you for your consultation on the above site. For this consultation, we have reviewed the following documents submitted:

- Flood Risk Assessment & Drainage Strategy | prepared by C&A Consulting Engineers | dated June 2026 | Ref: 22-001-003 | Rev B

The LLFA previously responded to this application on the 18 March 2026 stating no objection to the development providing the recommended conditions were included. Since this response it is noted that the layout and design of the proposed development has changed and therefore an updated FRA and Drainage Strategy has been provided. The LLFA has reviewed this updated information and can confirm that our position has not changed. We also note the explanation within the Cover Letter that the development will not be phased and therefore we have removed reference to this in our suggested conditions.

The applicant has provided a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and 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 policies of Horsham District Council.

Pre-application advice was provided to the applicant that highlighted the LLFAs flood risk concerns and provided guidance on the expected detail required at Outline planning stage. The applicant has provided a detailed FRA and Drainage Strategy that addresses the LLFAs concerns. The FRA acknowledges the surface water flood

risk to the east of the site and ensures that no development will be located within this area of risk. It is also noted that the attenuation basin and storage will be located outside of this risk.

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 or in conjunction with the submission of each reserved matters application, in accordance with the approved Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy (Ref: 22-001-003, Rev B, dated June 2026), detailed designs of a surface water drainage scheme incorporating the following measures shall be submitted to and agreed with the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme will be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development. The scheme shall address the following matters:

- I. Surface water runoff rates will be attenuated to the QBAR rates of 5.9l/s for the entire site as stated within Section 7 of the FRA and Drainage Strategy. This should be evidence with detailed modelling calculations that use the latest rainfall data, appropriate climate change allowances and include a 10% allowance for urban creep.
- II. Provision of surface water attenuation storage, sized and designed to accommodate the volume of water generated in all rainfall events up to and including the critical storm duration for the 3.33% AEP (1 in 30 year) and 1% AEP (1 in 100) rainfall events (both including allowances for climate change). Priority should be given to open features and underground storage tanks should only be used where open features are not suitable.
- III. Detailed designs, modelling calculations and plans of the drainage conveyance network in the:
 - a. 3.33% AEP (1 in 30 year) critical rainfall event plus climate change to show no flooding outside the drainage features on any part of the site.
 - b. 1% AEP (1 in 100 year) critical rainfall plus climate change event to show, if any, the depth, volume and storage location of any flooding outside the drainage features, ensuring that flooding does not occur in any part of a building or any utility plant susceptible to water (e.g. pumping station or electricity substation) within the development. It will also show that no runoff during this event will leave the site uncontrolled.
 - c. Calculations simulating a submerged should also be provided to ensure no flooding occurs outside of the drainage network within the 3.33% (plus climate change) event and any flooding occurring in the

1% (plus climate change) event is stored safely on site as outlined in points a and b.

- IV. The design of the attenuation basin will incorporate an emergency spillway and any drainage structures include appropriate freeboard allowances. Plans to be submitted showing the routes for the management of exceedance surface water flow routes that minimise the risk to people and property during rainfall events in excess of 1% AEP (1 in 100) rainfall event plus climate change allowance.
- V. Finished ground floor levels of properties are a minimum of 300mm above expected flood levels of all sources of flooding (including the ordinary watercourses, SuDS features and within any proposed drainage scheme) or 150mm above ground level, whichever is the more precautionary.
- VI. Details of how all surface water management features to be designed in accordance with The SuDS Manual (CIRIA C753, 2015), including appropriate treatment stages for water quality prior to discharge.

Reason:

To prevent flooding in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 181, 182 and 187 by ensuring the satisfactory management of local sources of flooding surface water flow paths, storage and disposal of surface water from the site in a range of rainfall events and ensuring the SuDS proposed operates as designed for the lifetime of the development.

Condition 2:

Construction shall not begin until a detailed construction phase surface water management plan for the site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall subsequently be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that the construction of the site does not result in any flooding both on and off site and that all Surface water Drainage features are adequately protected.

Condition 3:

The development hereby approved shall not be 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 feature and connecting drainage structures and maintenance requirement for each aspect including a drawing showing where they are located.

- 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. This will include the name and contact details of any appointed management company.

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 Policies of Horsham District Council.

Condition 4:

Prior to first use of each phase of the development a detailed verification report, (appended with substantiating evidence demonstrating the approved construction details and specifications have been implemented in accordance with the surface water drainage scheme), has been submitted to and approved (in writing) by the Local Planning Authority. The verification report shall include a full set of “as built” drawings plus photographs of excavations (including soil profiles/horizons), any installation of any surface water drainage structures and control mechanisms.

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 Policies of Horsham District Council.

Informative:

Erection of flow control structures or any culverting of an ordinary watercourse requires consent from the appropriate authority, which in this instance is West Sussex Lead Local Flood Authority. It is advised to discuss proposals for any works at an early stage of proposals.

Yours sincerely

Flood Risk Management Team