

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Birchfield Nursery Kidders Lane Henfield West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 3 (Drainage Strategy), 4 (External Materials) and 5 (Ecological Mitigation) to approved application DC/25/1828.
REFERENCE:	DISC/26/0151
RECOMMENDATION:	Condition 3. Objection
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: The following documents have been reviewed: • PLANNING STATEMENT Discharge of Planning Conditions 3, 4 and 5, Dated: May 2026, Author: Jack Dunckley • Condition 3 – Discharge Plan, Date: Unknown, Author: Jack Dunckley The Planning Statement reads: <i>"All surface rainwater and water discharged from the building — including roof water, hardstanding runoff and any other surface water — will be directed to the existing onsite well."</i> This Drainage Strategy would allow <u>untreated</u> surface water to enter a groundwater source, which is NOT PERMISSIBLE. <u>Under no circumstance</u> would it be considered acceptable to direct surface water runoff into a well. Surface water must be managed, filtered, stored and released at an appropriate rate into a surface water ditch/ water course (if infiltration suitability is poor and soakaways will not be effective). Furthermore, the 'Condition 3 – Discharge' Plan shows grey water connected to the well. This is NOT PERMISSIBLE. <u>Under no circumstance</u> would it be considered acceptable to direct grey water into a well. These activities would be considered an offence under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016. As such, HDC Drainage Object. The applicant was previously provided clear requests for 'More Information' within the Main Comments section of the HDC Drainage Consultation Response for DC/25/1828, dated 19/12/2025. There has been no attempt to provide any of this information within the documents provided.	
MAIN COMMENTS: NA	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: NA	
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DATE:	01/06/2026