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Date 21/09/2026

Dear Kate,

RE: DC/26/0835 Land North Of The Rise Partridge Green West Sussex RH13 8JB

Thank you for your reconsultation on the above site, received on 07th September 2026
We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following updated comments in [blue](#).

At present, we **object and require additional information regarding:**

1. Evidence of the Applicant's conformity with Standard 1, Priority 1 of the National Standards for SuDS (collection for non-potable use), as West Sussex is classified as a water stressed area.
[This is an application for reserved matters, and as LLFA we cannot offer approval if the scheme is not in adherence to the NPPF, in which the National Standards for SuDS are cited. We note the Applicant's comment refers to the surface water drainage condition that states the final scheme should be *informed* by the outline strategy provided in 2022, however the drainage design submitted as part of a reserved matters application such as this should be to latest standards.](#)
2. The Drainage Statement provided references a Desk Study, Site Investigation & Risk Assessment Report produced by Southern Testing Laboratories Ltd, please may we be provided with a copy for review
[This is pending on the planning portal and we will provide updated comments once available. As an advisory review of this report may affect overall comments on this application.](#)
3. Basin capacity volumes differ in the drainage strategy drawing to the provided calculations, please can these be checked and amended as necessary.
[The response submitted is acceptable in principle, however for completeness please can the drawing be updated to state the volume up to top of bank level \(including the volume within the 150mm freeboard\).](#)

4. Has the presence of a watercourse in the central South to North vegetated area been discounted? The topographic survey is marked as abandoned in this corridor due to dense vegetation, however historic mapping indicates a field boundary which may have had a ditch connecting to the wider watercourse network. Please can this be investigated if necessary and confirmed/discounted, as any watercourses must be retained including their connectivity.
[We are satisfied the further evidence provided indicates there is no active watercourse at this location.](#)
5. Please provide evidence that the encroachment of the surface water flood risk does not impact the capacity of the attenuation basins. Like for like storage for flood risk will need to be provided where any loss of storage occurs. If the risk of flooding from the north has been considered in the design of the basins please provide supporting details.
[This modelled floodwater will need to be isolated from the proposed attenuation basins, potentially amending the landscaping scheme. The subsequent loss of storage incurred by the installation of the basins \(6.8m3\) will need to be safely accommodated elsewhere on the site.](#)
6. Please provide updated calculations accounting for a surcharged outfall. If water levels are unknown, please utilise top of bank level.
[This has been addressed.](#)
7. We would ask that the drainage strategy drawing be updated to confirm the outfall headwall will not encroach into the flow profile of the receiving watercourse. If this is not to be the case, as an advisory the applicant will need to review our Ordinary Watercourse Consent guidance: [Ordinary watercourse land drainage consent - West Sussex County Council](#)
[This has been confirmed in the submission and is therefore adequately addressed.](#)

Pending the above we currently **maintain our objection** and will review further when we are formally reconsulted.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

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

- Response to LLFA Comments 27 August 2026