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Lead Local Flood Authority

Date 19th December 2025

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Dear Nicola,

RE: DISC/25/0263 – New Place Nurseries, London Road, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1AT

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

This application is for the discharge of conditions 6 and 9. This is a partial discharge of condition, only for the highway access to the site.

The LLFA have reviewed the documents submitted in relation to Condition 6, as it relates to drainage. For reference, Condition 6 is worded as follows:

No development shall commence until a Drainage Strategy detailing the proposed means of foul water disposal and a detailed surface water drainage scheme (including finalised surface water drainage designs and calculations) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The submitted details should include a Surface Water Drainage Statement (based on sustainable drainage principles and an assessment of the hydrological and hydrogeological context of the development). The drainage designs shall show full coordination with a detailed landscape scheme and should demonstrate that the surface water runoff generated up to and including the 100 year, plus climate change, critical storm will not exceed the run-off from the current site following the corresponding rainfall event. The drainage scheme shall subsequently be implemented prior to first occupation in accordance with the approved details and thereafter retained as such.

We have concerns that the submitted information does not meet with NPPF, PPG or the local planning policies and the proposal will either increase the risk of flooding elsewhere or to the proposed development. We provide the following technical review for your consideration.

We **maintain our objection** to this application.

As highlighted by the applicant in their response, the current infiltration rates are not viable. In addition, there is only 1 test in WS104, which is not bRE365 compliant. It has also not been demonstrated that the base of the soakaway is 1m above the maximum winter groundwater level. This is required for groundwater quality reasons.

Upon receiving a formal reconsultation request from the LPA, when any further information is submitted, we will review our comments and provide an updated response.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

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

Letter from LDE, 20th November 2025