

11th August 2026

Horsham District Council – Drainage Department

Dear Sirs,

Re: Planning ref: DC/26/0975

We are in receipt of HDC's drainage consultation response dated 24th July 2026 and would respond as follows.

'The Info Drainage modelling must be re-run using CV winter/summer values set to 1.' - HDC

We will incorporate this requirement into the design at condition discharge.

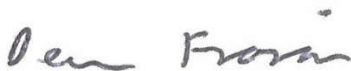
'The runoff from the proposed development should, where possible, be restricted to the greenfield 1 in 1 year runoff rate (100% AEP) (not QBar) during all events up to and including the 1 in 100-year rainfall event (1% AEP) + 45% allowance for climate change. Where this is not possible, the runoff from the proposed development should restrict flows to as close as reasonably practical to the greenfield runoff rate for the site.' - HDC

We would challenge HDC's requirement for a reduced discharge rate on the basis that:-

1. We have designed in accordance with the National Standards for SuDS which requires post development runoff to be restricted to the 1:2 year greenfield rate and not the 1:1 year greenfield runoff rate (as requested by HDC).
2. We cannot see any online HDC SuDS guidance that states that post development runoff is required to be restricted to the 1:1 year greenfield rate.
3. This is not a greenfield site – the site has an extant and lawfully implemented planning permission for the existing scheme (which was based on 5 l/s) and currently comprises a car park surfaced with gravel/chippings. The National Standards for SuDS advises that for previously developed sites a relaxation factor of up to 5 can be applied to the greenfield runoff rate, where evidence is provided that demonstrates why the greenfield runoff rate cannot be achieved. So whilst we can achieve 3.1 l/s (1:2 year discharge rate as required by the National Standards), we cannot meet any lower discharge requirements on the basis that we cannot accommodate any resulting increase in the storage area. Doing so would compromise the minimum 1.3m cover depth requirement above the crate storage for traffic loading. Furthermore, we can't deepen the crates as we would not achieve a gravity discharge to watercourse. In other words we have gone as low as we can go in terms of discharge rate whilst still managing to achieve National Standards for SuDS discharge rate requirements.

We trust that the above provides sufficient clarification in respect of our position and would request that HDC Drainage reviews this reduced discharge requirement in light of the above.

Yours Sincerely,



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