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Response to HDC Drainage Response

Dear Mr Holmes

I appreciate that the formal consultation period for this application has now expired. However, as the local resident referred to within the submitted Drainage Response, and given that the report to which I am responding has only recently appeared on the planning portal, I have now reviewed the relevant documents and respectfully request that the following comments and concerns are taken into consideration and placed on the public planning file.

The site sits entirely within the designated River Adur Water Meadows and Wyckham Wood Local Wildlife Site (LWS), which is recognised for its ecological importance and environmental sensitivity.

Given the references within the submitted documents to flood risk, drainage arrangements, water management features, changes in land levels, and proposed works within the site, I respectfully request access to the detailed mitigation proposals and supporting technical information submitted by the developer specifically relating to the construction phase of the development.

In particular, I am concerned about the significant slope and topography of the site, and how the applicant intends to implement, maintain and monitor effective mitigation measures during construction in order to prevent polluted surface water runoff, sediment movement, siltation, contamination, fuel spillages, construction debris, or other hydrological impacts affecting the surrounding ecologically sensitive land and adjoining watercourse corridor within the Local Wildlife Site.

I would specifically request that the applicant include within their proposals a detailed construction-phase drainage and pollution control strategy clearly demonstrating how polluted surface water runoff, silt management, interception drainage, attenuation measures, settlement systems, and all temporary construction-related water management infrastructure will be contained **entirely within the active development site**, without any encroachment upon, disturbance to, or degradation of the adjoining ecologically sensitive land and land identified within the applicant's Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) proposals.

Given the site's direct slope toward the adjacent habitat and watercourse corridor, it is essential that the applicant clearly demonstrates how the whole of adjoining land will be fully protected from construction-phase runoff, contamination, soil compaction, temporary drainage works, machinery access, storage of materials, or any other associated impacts. Any temporary degradation or disturbance of the ecologically sensitive lands abutting the proposed development site including already relied upon within the applicant's BNG proposals should not subsequently be treated as biodiversity enhancement or ecological "net gain".

I therefore request access to information relating to:

- construction phase pollution prevention measures;
- surface water and drainage management during construction;
- sediment and runoff control measures;
- protection of ditches, culverts, and surrounding watercourses;
- construction environmental management measures;
- ecological protection and monitoring measures during site works;
- water quality safeguards for the surrounding habitats within the Local Wildlife Site;
- details of how mitigation measures will function effectively on a sloping site; and
- emergency procedures in the event of pollution incidents, drainage failure, or flooding during construction works.

As the resident specifically referenced within the report, I am particularly concerned that no pollutants, contaminated runoff, siltation, hydrological disturbance, or construction-related impacts should enter or adversely affect the whole of the ecologically sensitive land surrounding the proposed development site during the construction period.

Given the environmental sensitivity of the site, I respectfully request that these concerns are fully considered and that this correspondence be placed on the public planning file.

Yours faithfully



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