MEMORANDUM TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND LICENSING – PLANNING CONSULTATION

Application No: DC/25/0704 Case Officer: Hannah Darley
Address: Swains Farm Brighton Road Henfield
Proposal: Prior Notification for Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a 8 no dwellinghouses.

Date comments required by: 15/05/25

Details of the application can be viewed at https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications

Planning History:

Comments of Case Officer:

Specific areas that PHLO are asked to comment on:

Initial view of Case Officer:

PHLO Comments:

Commercial or agricultural buildings can be subject to significant contamination risks arising from their use, construction and storage of machinery equipment fuels or other chemicals. Potentially hazardous materials may also be incorporated in made ground, yards and hard standings.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Planning Practice Guidance, information is required on these matters and and a preliminary risk assessment including a site walkover should be provided to ensure the site can be made safe and suitable for the development.

Rainwater harvesting is proposed to meet water neutrality requirements. Information on ground conditions is required to ensure the the rainwater system infrastructure is appropriately specified and suitable protected. The roof to the building appears to comprise asbestos cement sheeting and further comment should be provided on the suitability of this roofing material for rainwater collection.

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