

Arun District Council
Development Control
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5LF

Our ref: HA/2021/123562/01-L01
Your ref: A/184/21/PL
Date: 04 November 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**CONSTRUCTION OF A WEIR UPSTREAM OF THE CULVERTED ROAD ACCESS
TO THE LAND SOUTH OF WATER LANE DEVELOPMENT, ANGMERING AS
PHASE 1 OF THE ANGMERING FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME LAND SOUTH
OF WATER LANE ANGMERING**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

We have reviewed the information as submitted and set out our position below.

Environment Agency Position

We need some further information from the applicant before we can assess the proposed development.

Our preference is to work with natural processes i.e. reconnecting floodplain, slowing the flow etc. rather than engineered structures in the river channel. We understand that in this circumstance there are limitations to provide other options.

We need the applicant to ensure is that the application provides

- an explanation as to why other options have not been further explored
- evaluation of the degree to which the flow restriction is likely to result in accumulation of silt; and how this will be removed
- the incorporation of enhancements/mitigation for the scheme such as of scrapes within the flood plain
- evidence there is no perched flow/impediments to eel passage i.e. raising of bed levels

We are working the applicant to resolve the outstanding information.

Advice to Applicant

Environment Agency
Guildbourne House Chatsworth Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1LD.
Customer services line: 03708 506 506
www.gov.uk/environment-agency

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Environmental Permit

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 require a permit or exemption to be obtained for any activities which will take place:

- on or within 8 metres of a main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 8 metres of a flood defence structure or culverted main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 16 metres of a sea defence
- involving quarrying or excavation within 16 metres of any main river, flood defence (including a remote defence) or culvert
- in a floodplain more than 8 metres from the river bank, culvert or flood defence structure (16 metres if it's a tidal main river) and you don't already have planning permission

For further guidance please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits> or contact our National Customer Contact Centre on 03708 506 506 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or by emailing psowestsussex@environment-agency.gov.uk.

The applicant should not assume that a permit will automatically be forthcoming once planning permission has been granted, and we advise them to consult with us at the earliest opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details shown below should you have any queries regarding the above information.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sophie Brown
Sustainable Places Planning Advisor

