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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: A/184/21/PL
Site Address: Land South of Water Lane Angmering
Description of works: 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. This application is in CIL Zone 1 & is not CIL Liable as other development.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 11th November 2021 which has been recorded as support with the comments as follows:

OWPC41844

I submitted a supportive representation on the above.

The concerns expressed in the consultation response from the Environment Agency surprise me. I am aware that this length of the Black Ditch watercourse is a Main River for which the Environment Agency has regulatory powers.

As a resident of Angmering for more than forty years who has observed the causes and consequences of local flooding I make the following comments on this response.

Bullet one. There have been at least three studies by the Environment agency in recent years with some consideration of options. The primary cause of downstream flooding is obvious in that about half a kilometre of the original open channel Black Ditch was culverted in a system for the convenience of highway widening and this is now hydraulically inadequate to convey peak flows. Clearly, the need is to limit the flow at a point upstream of the culvert to the downstream capacity in a reliable manner and, in my opinion, the structure proposed, is a sensible first phase of achieving this.

Bullet two. My examination of the drawings indicates that the invert of the orifices through the structure is the same as the existing river bed level. Thus I cannot see that the risk of silt accumulating upstream of the structure is any greater than for the existing Black Ditch. Thus, how silt will be removed, is irrelevant.

Bullet three. I have no comments.

Bullet four. I don't understand 'perched flow' in this context. I, however, comment that I consider the half a kilometre of downstream highway culvert (with no light shafts) to be a significant impediment to eel passage already. I don't therefore see how this proposal with a similar bed level at the structure to the original channel increases this impediment.

Please progress this sensible scheme.
Geoffrey Gibbs BSc MSc CEng CSci MICE FCIWEM
11 November 2021

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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