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Cc: Karl Roberts
Subject: Re: A/44/26/PL

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Dear Mr Crowther,

Thank you for your prompt response.

Without wanting to labour the point, it does still appear to leave a few questions unanswered.

You have confirmed that two Flood Risk Assessment documents were received with the application submission, and that the larger version containing the appendices was received by email because it was too large to submit via the portal. Given that it is 34MB in size, the explanation that this was sent by email is entirely plausible.

You have also stated that this larger version was uploaded to the portal on 27 April 2026, with the application start date being 28 April 2026.

However, the application was submitted on 8 April 2026, and you have advised that “two Flood Risk Assessment documents were received with the application submission”. That appears to imply that ADC received the larger document, by email, at or around the same time as the main application submission.

Given the importance of this document, the chronology does not appear to tally with the larger appendix-inclusive version being uploaded only on 27 April 2026, rather than with the other application material on 17 April 2026. One would naturally expect that a document received with the application submission would be considered as part of the same validation exercise.

Please could you therefore confirm the date upon which ADC actually received the larger appendix-inclusive FRA / Drainage Strategy document by email.

There also does not appear to be any email on the public file from the applicant or their agent explaining that the document could not be submitted via the portal and was therefore being provided by email. Given your previous comments regarding the publication of application correspondence, that appears to be a discrepancy in the public audit trail.

Please could you also confirm whether the email by which the larger document was submitted will be added to the public file, or otherwise explain why it has not been published.

Kind regards,

Dr Tym Huckin BSc(Hons) FIAP MBCS

On 21/05/2026 15:34, Neil Crowther wrote:

Dr Huckin,

Two Flood Risk Assessment documents were received with the application submission. The first was a smaller document as the larger document was too big of a file to submit via the portal. Therefore, the second document was received via email that included all the appendices, and this was uploaded on 27 April 2026.

As you know, the council has confirmed that the start date of the application is 28 April 2026.

We will remove the initial document as this is a duplication.

Regards, Neil

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Dear Mr Crowther,

It is noted that the Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy document associated with application A/44/26/PL has now been updated on the planning portal.

The original file contained 29 pages and is attached for ease of reference. The one currently available on the planning portal is 147 pages.

The revised document now appears to contain appendices which were not present within the version originally published.

Please could you therefore confirm:

- a) whether Arun District Council requested the missing appendices from the applicant and, if so, the date upon which that request was made, or whether the applicant volunteered the missing appendices without request and, if so, the date upon which they were provided to ADC;
- b) If ADC requested the information, please provide the date upon which ADC first received the revised FRA / Drainage Strategy document containing the appendices;
- c) the date upon which the revised document was uploaded to the planning portal and became publicly available; and
- d) why there does not appear to be any corresponding public record on the planning file identifying the request for, submission of, or receipt of this material, given that the appendices appear to comprise material information relevant to determination of the application. This is particularly difficult to understand where the public file does contain other correspondence between ADC and the applicant's agent in relation to the Article 13 / ownership certificate issue.

We consider clarification of the document chronology and publication audit trail important to public understanding of the application process.

Kind regards,

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