

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO: Ms M Tomalova
FROM:	WSSC – Lead Local Flood Authority
DATE:	29th April 2022
LOCATION:	Former Bartons Infant School Romney Broadwalk Bersted PO22 9BH
SUBJECT:	BE/40/22/PL Demolition of former school building and erection of 21 No. new dwellings and associated car parking, cycle parking and landscaping. This site is in CIL Zone 4 (Zero Rated)

West Sussex County Council (WSSC), in its capacity as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), has been consulted on the above proposed development in respect of surface water drainage.

The following is the comments of the LLFA relating to surface water drainage and flood risk for the proposed development and any associated observations, recommendations and advice.

Flood Risk Summary

Current surface water flood risk based on 30year and 100year events	Low risk
Comments: Current surface water mapping shows that the majority of the proposed site is at low risk from surface water flooding. Some higher risk exists in the north west corner of the site and along the north east boundary. This risk is based on modelled data only and should not be taken as meaning that the site will/will not definitely flood in these events. Any existing surface water flow paths across the site should be maintained and mitigation measures proposed for areas at high risk. Reason: NPPF paragraph 163 states – ‘When determining any planning application, local planning authorities should ensure flood risk is not increased elsewhere.’	
Modelled groundwater flood hazard classification	High risk
Comments: The area of the proposed development is shown to be at high risk from groundwater flooding based on current mapping. This risk is based on modelled data only and should not be taken as meaning that the site will/will not suffer groundwater flooding. The potential for ground water contamination within a source protection zone has not been considered by the LLFA. The LPA should consult with the EA if this is considered as risk.	

Watercourses nearby?	Yes
Comments: Current Ordnance Survey mapping shows a watercourse running along the north east boundary of the site. Local or field boundary ditches, not shown on Ordnance Survey mapping, may exist around or across the site. If present these should be maintained and highlighted on future plans. Works affecting the flow of an ordinary watercourse will require ordinary watercourse consent and an appropriate development-free buffer zone should be incorporated into the design of the development.	

Records of any surface water flooding within the site?	No
Comments: We do not have any records of historic surface water flooding within the confines of the proposed site. This should not be taken that the site itself has never suffered from flooding, only that it has never been reported to the LLFA. Other locations within Bersted experienced surface water flooding in June 2012.	

Future development - Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)

The FRA for this application proposes that sustainable drainage techniques (permeable paving, swales, below ground attenuation with a restricted outfall to the watercourse) would be used to control the surface water from this development.

The District Council Drainage Engineer may want to review this application to identify if there are any local site specific land use considerations that may affect surface water management, whether shallow infiltration could be incorporated into the surface water drainage strategy and a technical review of the drainage systems proposed.

Please note that Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 has not yet been implemented and WSCC does not currently expect to act as the SuDS Approval Body (SAB) in this matter.

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