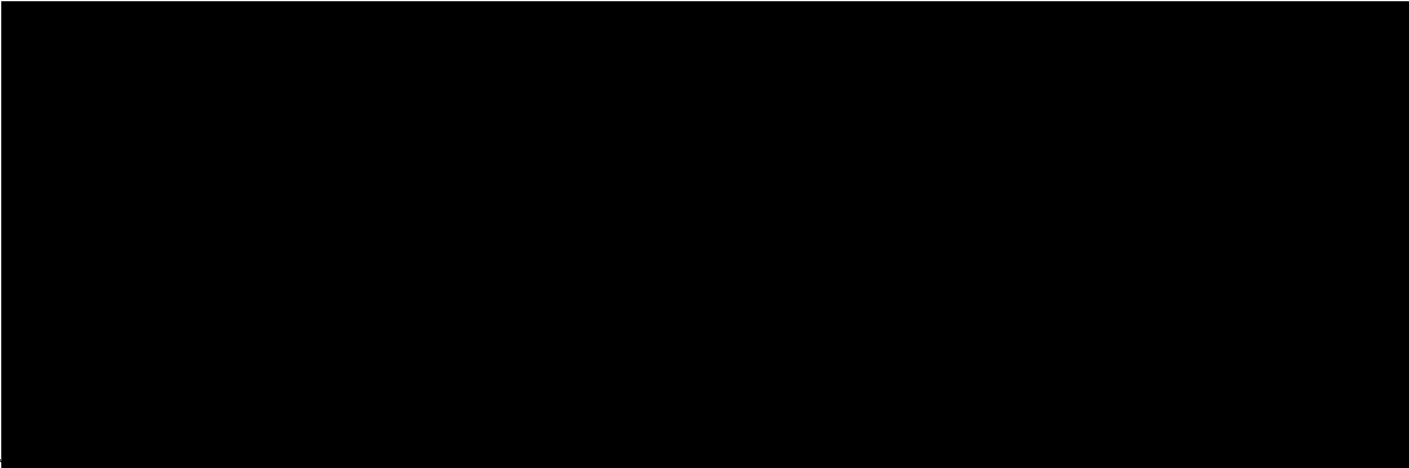



Sent: 25 March 2019 20:31

To: Andrew Wood

Subject: FG/220/18

Dear Mr Wood

I am writing this in relation to the late amendment to the plans submitted by the applicants in the planning application FG/220/18 - land at Elm Lodge, Tamarisk Way, Ferring.

This appears to be an attempt simply to circumvent the very proper and sound objection put forward by the Arun District Council drainage engineers, and the real concerns of the local residents who actually live here and have done in most cases for many years.

There is absolutely no doubt that surface flooding is an issue in this area (evidenced by the photographs submitted by residents) and also there is an issue of a high ground water table here especially after periods of heavy rain (evidenced practically when digging into the soil and also by the number of occasions that BT have to replace cabling in the Sea Lane area after water ingress into their cable system). No amount of fiddling around with the proposed plans on the applicant's computer will and can change this situation. Drainage is our number one concern with these plans and it still appears that the intention is to site a soakaway and its associated cage system exactly in the area of the existing drainage pipe system that leads towards my property. This makes no sense as it is very likely to adversely affect our village drainage system. I do hope that nobody is drawn into a false sense of security this year as we have experienced a very dry winter when water levels are currently much lower than usual. We must expect and be able to deal with future extremes of weather due to climate change.

In addition, the updated proposed plan appears to move any new property even closer to the existing Elm Lodge in order to move it away from the pond. The consequence of this would be to make the situation even more cramped and out of character to the local area by squeezing the two properties closer together. Surely

it must be realised that there is simply insufficient room on this site to shoe horn in another property without compromising the pond and the effective drainage system.

Once again on behalf of the proper residents of Tamarisk Way and the surrounding area, I strongly request that this ill thought out application is rejected.

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