



CLERK TO THE COUNCIL
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Dear Flood Risk Management Team

RE: FP/274/21/OUT – Bognor Regis Golf Club – Downview Road

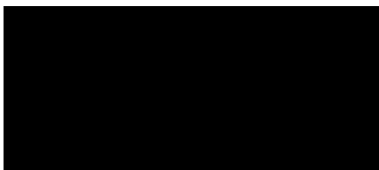
Felpham Parish Council met last night at Main Council and unanimously voted to request that I write to you in support of the letter issued by Sue Field, Consultant Principal Planning Officer, requesting that you review your submitted consultation response in view of the severe recent flooding on the site/surrounding area and seeking assurances that the redevelopment of the site will not result in displacement of flood waters resulting in flooding elsewhere around the site in such a scenario.

We are aware that the Environment Agency raised an objection to the application (M/16/22) for the proposed location of the new course on the grounds of flooding risk and the committee struggled to therefore to understand why a similar objection was not raised by the Agency to the location of the residential application when it is evidently similarly or more adversely affected.

This development is on a flood plain and has regular winter flooding that occurs routinely if not annually. Indeed, one of the stated reasons for the Golf Club wishing to relocate is the high occurrence in the winter of the course being closed due to flooding. This year, significant flooding of the whole area has been nationally reported and data from the river monitoring station at the Aldingbourne Rife shows an annual steady annual increase with the alert levels being reached/passed in the past four years and warning levels passed in the last two years.

Due to the advanced stage of the applications (FP/274/21 and M/16/22), with hearings potentially imminent, Felpham Parish Council would appreciate an urgent response to this request.

Yours sincerely



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