

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO: Raymond Cole
FROM:	WSCC – Lead Local Flood Authority
DATE:	29th October 2020
LOCATION:	Land west of Bridge Road Roundabout Littlehampton BN17 5DF
SUBJECT:	LU/228/20/OUT Outline planning permission with some matters reserved for demolition of existing treatment works and redevelopment of a former camp site on the edge of the River Arun to provide up to 105 homes, 100sqm of A1 Shops use, 220sqm of A3 Restaurant use and 420m of pontoons to provide approximately 32 leisure moorings along with associated landscaping, sluice gate, flood defence works, car parking and highways works, including access. This application also lies within the parish of Clymping, may affect a Public Footpath and is a Departure from the Development Plan
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice – No objection

West Sussex County Council (WSCC), 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	Moderate risk
Comments: Current surface water mapping shows that the proposed site is at moderate risk from surface water flooding. 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	Moderate risk
Comments:	

The area of the proposed development is shown to be at moderate 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.

Ground water contamination and Source Protection Zones.

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.

Ordinary Watercourses nearby?	Yes
Comments: Current Ordnance Survey mapping shows ordinary watercourses running across the site. 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 surface water flooding within the confines of the proposed site. This should not be taken that the site itself has never suffered from surface water flooding, only that it has never been reported to the LLFA.	

Future development - Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)

The FRA and Surface Water Drainage Statement for this application proposes that sustainable drainage techniques (permeable paving, bio-swale with a discharge to the main river) would be used to control the surface water from this development.

Following the drainage hierarchy, the disposal of surface water via infiltration/soakaway should be shown to have been investigated through an appropriate assessment.

All works to be undertaken in accordance with the LPA agreed detailed surface water drainage designs and calculations for the site, based on sustainable drainage principles.

The maintenance and management of the SuDS system should be set out in a site-specific maintenance manual and submitted to, and approved in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall subsequently be implemented in accordance with the approved designs.

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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