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Arun District Council
Development Control
1, Arun Civic Centre Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5LF

Our ref: HA/2018/120894/01-L01
Your ref: LU/324/18/PL
Date: 05 December 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

DEMOLITION OF EXISTING HOTEL & REPLACEMENT WITH NEW 14 BEDROOM HOTEL WITH ANCILLARY RESTAURANT & FUNCTION ROOMS.

THE NELSON HOTEL 61 PIER ROAD LITTLEHAMPTON BN17 5LP

Thank you for the consultation on the above application, please quote our reference on all correspondence.

The proposed development falls within tidal Flood Zone 3 (High Risk) according to our Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and the Sea). This application is to demolish and rebuild a hotel. All sleeping accommodations will be located at first floor (FFL 6.30m AOD) or above, which is higher than the 0.5%AEP 2115 (4.94m AOD). Therefore we have no objection to the proposal as submitted.

Environment Agency position

The proposed development will only meet the National Planning Policy Framework's requirements if the following planning condition is included.

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the submitted flood risk assessment (November 2018, Ambiental) and the following mitigation measures it details:

- **Finished floor levels for sleeping accommodations shall be set no lower than 300mm above 4.94m above Ordnance Datum (AOD).**

These mitigation measures shall be fully implemented prior to occupation and subsequently in accordance with the scheme's timing/phasing arrangements. The measures detailed above shall be retained and maintained thereafter throughout the lifetime of the development.

Environment Agency
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Reason

To reduce the risk of flooding to the proposed development and future occupants.

Informatives

We strongly recommend the use of flood proofing and resilience measures. Physical barriers, raised electrical fittings and special construction materials are just some of the ways you can help reduce flood damage.

To find out which measures will be effective for this development, please contact your building control department. In the meantime, if you'd like to find out more about reducing flood damage, visit the flood risk and coastal change pages of the planning practice guidance. The following documents may also be useful:
Department for Communities and Local Government: Preparing for floods
<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/odpm/4000000009282.pdf>
Department for Communities and Local Government: Improving the flood performance of new buildings:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/improvingflood>

We do not normally comment on or approve the adequacy of flood emergency response procedures accompanying development proposals, as we do not carry out these roles during a flood. Our involvement with this development during an emergency will be limited to delivering flood warnings to occupants/users covered by our flood warning network.

The planning practice guidance to the National Planning Policy Framework states that, in determining whether a development is safe, the ability of residents and users to safely access and exit a building during a design flood and to evacuate before an extreme flood needs to be considered. One of the key considerations to ensure that any new development is safe is whether adequate flood warnings would be available to people using the development.

In all circumstances where warning and emergency response is fundamental to managing flood risk, we advise local planning authorities to formally consider the emergency planning and rescue implications of new development in making their decisions. As such, we recommend you consult with your emergency planners and the emergency services to determine whether the proposals are safe in accordance with the guiding principles of the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

Yours sincerely

Miss Suz Greenwood
Planning Advisor, Environment Agency

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