

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

Our ref: HA/2019/121267/01-L01
Your ref: LU/324/18/PL
Date: 23 April 2019

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.

Environment Agency position

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

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the submitted Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) (submitted by Ambiental Environmental Assessment) and the following mitigation measures it details:

- Finished floor levels of the upper floor habitable area shall be set no lower than 6.30 m above Ordnance Datum (AOD)
- No habitable sleeping accommodation shall be on the ground floor or basement

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
Canal Walk, ROMSEY, Hampshire, SO51 7LP.



Reason

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

Advice to LPA/applicant

The proposed development is for a hotel in flood zone 3. The FRA states that finished floor levels of the ground floor will be set at 3.30m AOD, which will contain a restaurant, and 1st floor will be set at 6.30m AOD. Habitable sleeping accommodation will be located on the 1st and 2nd floors, with non on the ground floor or basement. Therefore we have no objection to the application as occupants have safe refuge on upper floors.

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/400000009282.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).

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the number above if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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Miss Suz Greenwood
Planning Advisor, Environment Agency

