

**WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION**

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PLANNING REFERENCE: LU/330/18/PL

LOCATION: Land South Of Cornfield Close Littlehampton BN17 6LD

RECOMMENDATION:

Advice	☒	Modification	☐	More Information	☐
Objection	☐	No Objection	☒	Refusal	☐

West Sussex County Council (WSSCC), 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 and advice.

Flood Risk Summary

Modelled surface water flood risk	Low risk
Comments: Current surface water mapping shows that the proposed site is at low 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 must be maintained or appropriate mitigation strategies proposed. Reason: NPPF paragraph 163 states – ‘When determining planning applications, local planning authorities should ensure flood risk is not increased elsewhere’	

Modelled ground water flood risk susceptibility	High risk
Comments: The majority of the proposed development is shown to be at high risk from ground water flooding based on the current mapping. Where the intention is to dispose of surface water via infiltration/soakaway, these should be shown to be suitable through an appropriate assessment carried out under the methodology set out in BRE Digest 365 or equivalent. 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.	

Records of any flooding of the site?	No
Comments: We do not have any records of historic surface water flooding within the confines of the proposed site. This should not be taken that this site has never suffered from flooding, only that it has never been reported to the LLFA.	

Ordinary watercourses nearby?	No
Comments: Current Ordnance Survey mapping shows no ordinary watercourses within or adjacent to the site boundary. Local or field boundary ditches, not shown on Ordnance Survey mapping, may exist around the site. If present these should be maintained and highlighted on future plans and any works affecting the flow of these will require ordinary watercourse consent.	

Future development - Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)

The Flood Risk Assessment for this application proposes that sustainable drainage techniques (Permeable paving and infiltration) would be used to control the surface water from this development. This method would be appropriate providing it meets the conditions suggested by the EA.

It is recommended that this application be reviewed by the District Council Drainage Engineer to identify site specific land use considerations that may affect surface water management and for a technical review of the drainage systems proposed. As the winter Groundwater monitoring is fundamental to the drainage designs, this should also be discussed with the District Drainage Engineer.

Development should not commence until finalised detailed surface water drainage designs and calculations for the site, based on sustainable drainage principles, for the development have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The drainage designs should demonstrate that the surface water runoff generated up to and including the 1 in 100 year, plus climate change, critical storm will not exceed the run-off from the current site following the corresponding rainfall event.

Development shall not commence until full details of the maintenance and management of the SuDS system is 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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