

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

Our ref: HA/2018/120189/01-L01
Your ref: LU/6/18/PD
Date: 01 March 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

PRIOR NOTIFICATION UNDER CLASS M FOR A CHANGE OF USE FROM SHOP (CLASS A1) TO DWELLING HOUSE (CLASS C3).

70 HIGH STREET LITTLEHAMPTON BN17 5DY

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

Environment Agency position

In the absence of a flood risk assessment (FRA), we object to this application and recommend refusal of planning permission until a satisfactory FRA has been submitted.

Reasons

The application site lies within Flood Zone 3 as defined by the Environment Agency Flood Map. Paragraph 103, footnote 20 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires applicants for planning permission to submit an FRA when development is proposed in such locations.

An FRA is vital if the local planning authority is to make informed planning decisions. In the absence of an FRA, the flood risk resulting from the proposed development are unknown. The absence of an FRA is therefore sufficient reason in itself for a refusal of planning permission.

Overcoming our objection

You can overcome our objection by undertaking an FRA which demonstrates that the development is safe without increasing risk elsewhere and where possible reduces flood risk overall. If this cannot be achieved we are likely to maintain our objection to the

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application. Production of an FRA will not in itself result in the removal of an objection.

We ask to be re-consulted with the results of the FRA. We will provide you with bespoke comments within 21 days of receiving formal reconsultation. Our objection will be maintained until an adequate FRA has been submitted.

Yours faithfully

Miss Suz Greenwood
Planning Advisor, Environment Agency

