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**Lead Local Flood Authority**

Date 08 September 2025

Planning Officer  
Planning and Building Control  
Arun District Council  
Arun Civic Centre  
Maltravers Road  
Littlehampton  
West Sussex  
BN17 5LF

Dear Planning Officer,

**RE: LU/83/25/OUT - Westholme Nursery, Toddington Lane, Littlehampton, BN17 7PP**

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 15 August 2025. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

This is an Outline planning application (with all matters except access reserved) for the construction of 31 No. residential units. This application is in CIL zone 2 (CIL liable) and may affect the setting of listed buildings.

We **previously objected until** the following issues were adequately addressed:

**1. Updated FRA and Drainage Strategy**

A revised Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy must be submitted, including appropriate plans at an appropriate level of design to establish the principle of the proposed approach.

**2. Revised Calculations**

Calculations should be updated to current standards (e.g. FEH2022), using a Cv value of 1 for both summer and winter scenarios. Please ensure that the quoted storage volumes are achievable across a range of rainfall event scenarios.

**3. Site-Specific Testing**

Further percolation testing and groundwater monitoring are required at the location and depth of any proposed SuDS features.

#### 4. Groundwater Protection

Any proposed solution must maintain a minimum 1m freeboard above the groundwater level. The base of any proposed structures must be situated above this level.

We acknowledge the efforts made to date with respect to our concerns (Points 1 and 2) however the gap in information with regard the site-specific testing and groundwater protection we **maintain our objection in principle** until such time these issues can be adequately addressed.

Percolation testing is required at the depth and location of the proposed infiltration structures.

Please note: If the LPA decides to grant planning permission, we request to be notified for our records. This will ensure we are aware of any subsequent surface water flooding incidents that may require investigation as a result of the development.

Yours sincerely

Mat Jackson  
**Flood Risk Management Team**



## Annex

The following documents have been reviewed, which have been submitted to support the application;

- Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy 12.08.25
- A8131-1501 P3 Drainage Strategy Plan 17.03.25
- A8131-1505 P1 Proposed Cross Sections 17.03.25
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- Flood Risk Assessment & Drainage Strategy (**Parts 2 – 6 only**) **NB Part 1 did not load from Ocellaweb**
- Soakage Testing prepared by Southern Testing, December 2024

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Regards

Flood Risk Management

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