

Engineers Comments Regarding Surface Water Drainage

Application Reference:	P/22/26/DOC	Reviewer Reference:	ADC/EXT5/AF
Planning Officer:	Simon Davis	Date of Review:	13/03/2026
Site Name:	Parcel Of Land 254 Pagham Road Pagham PO21 3PY		
Application Description:	Approval of details reserved by condition under P/178/21/OUT (Appeal APP/C3810/W/22/3302023) relating to conditions 12- Surface Water Drainage, 13- Watercourses and 14- Maintenance & Management of Surface Water Drainage.		
Assessment Number:	1		

Policy and Guidance Information	
Arun District Council Surface Water Drainage Guidance (including design checklists) - https://www.arun.gov.uk/surfacewater Land Drainage Consent – https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/dealing-with-extreme-weather/flooding/flood-risk-management/ordinary-watercourse-land-drainage-consent/ Arun District Council Land Drainage Byelaws - https://www.arun.gov.uk/byelaws/ Arun District Council surface water pre-commencement conditions - https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-pre-commencement-conditions The National Standards for SuDS - https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-standards-for-sustainable-drainage-systems/national-standards-for-sustainable-drainage-systems-suds The SuDs Manual [C753] by CIRIA	

Response	Condition 12 – Surface water drainage: Objection Condition 13 - Watercourses: Further information required Condition 14 – Maintenance & Management of Surface Water Drainage: Further information required
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References
The NPPF states that when determining any planning application, local planning authorities should ensure that flood risk is not increased elsewhere (paragraph 181, 182 and 187e). The PPG guides local planning authorities to refer to 'Sustainable drainage systems: non-statutory technical standards' [NsTS] and detailed industry guidance like The SuDS Manual [C753] by CIRIA to guide decisions about the design, maintenance, and operation of sustainable drainage systems for non-major development. The NsTS have been superseded by the National Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems [NSfS] from 19 June 2025. This consultation has been primarily informed by the NSfS and The SuDS Manual.

Summary

This summary highlights if critical items aligning with each of the standards have been met. Critical items are highlighted in **bold** on our surface water drainage design checklist (linked above). A failure to address these will result in an **objection** to any application to discharge a surface water drainage design condition.

If any of these items are inadequately addressed by the submission, then their correction may result in a redesign of the surface water drainage scheme. A redesign is likely to have site wide implications such as the potential for storage structures to increase in volume or plan area, or the provision of other important infrastructure to satisfy the NSfS set out below.

All relevant items on the checklist are expected to be met before an application to discharge an application to discharge a SuDS design condition is supported.

Our response and requirements are elaborated upon or condensed within an attached comment tracker where necessary. If a comment tracker is provided a designer is encouraged to refer to this and respond to comments to aid further review. Please request a .docx version of this document to by email to land.drainage@arun.gov.uk if needed.

Standard	Assessment	Response
1. Runoff destination	Insufficient	Objection
2. Interception drainage	Insufficient	Objection
3. Extreme Rainfall and Flooding	Insufficient	Objection
4. Water Quality	Compliant	No objection
5. Amenity	N/A	
6. Biodiversity	N/A	
7. Construction, operation, maintenance, decommissioning and structural integrity	Insufficient	Objection

Reviewed Plans

The following documents have been submitted and reviewed to inform this consultation with reference to surface water drainage:

- Discharge of Conditions Report. Ref: BHPAGHAM.10-DOC. February 2026, uploaded in 16 different parts

Condition wording

Condition 12 is worded as follows:

"No development shall commence, other than works of site survey and investigation, until full details of the proposed surface water drainage scheme have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The design should follow the hierarchy of preference for different types of surface water drainage disposal systems as set out in Approved Document H of the Building Regulations, and the recommendations of the SuDS Manual produced by CIRIA. Design considerations must take full account of the 'Supplementary Requirements for Surface Water Drainage Proposals' produced by Arun District Council

and are an overriding factor in terms of requirements. Winter groundwater monitoring to establish highest annual ground water levels and winter percolation testing to BRE 365, or similar approved, will be required to support the design of any infiltration drainage. No dwelling shall be occupied until the complete surface water drainage system serving the property has been implemented in accordance with the agreed details and the details so agreed shall be maintained in good working order in perpetuity.”

Condition 13 is worded as follows:

“No development shall commence until details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority for any proposals to discharge flows to watercourses, or for the culverting, diversion, infilling or obstruction of any watercourse on or adjacent to the site. Any discharge to a watercourse must be at a rate no greater than the pre development run-off values and in accordance with current policies. No construction is permitted that will restrict current and future landowners from undertaking their riparian maintenance responsibilities in respect to any watercourse or culvert on or adjacent to the site”

Condition 14 is worded as follows:

“No development shall commence until full details of the maintenance and management of the surface water drainage system is set out in a site specific maintenance manual and submitted to, and approved in writing, by the local planning authority. The manual is to include details of financial management and arrangements for the replacement of major components at the end of the manufacturer’s recommended design life. Upon completed construction of the surface water drainage system, the owner or management company shall strictly adhere to and implement the recommendations contained within the manual.”

Consultation comments to the planning officer

1. Please see the attached comment tracker for detailed comments relating to the submission.
2. We note the previous applications to discharge these conditions and the ADC Drainage and WSCC LLFA comments made on P/110/25/DOC and the reserved matters application.
3. Please note the EA requirements for FFLs to be 300mm above design flood level.

Drainage Impact on Other Planning Matters

This application has been assessed with regards to surface water drainage design only, together with land drainage aspects if deemed necessary.

Other planning matters occasionally effect the surface water drainage design. If plans relating to other matters have been assessed for their impact on the proposed drainage, then it must not be assumed that they have been assessed for any other purpose. The planning officer is advised to check for conflicts with any existing approved plans and to consult any relevant consultees as appropriate.

It has been identified that the following consultees may have comments about the plans that have been submitted and reviewed for this application:

- ☐ Landscaping officer (proposed trees and landscaping)
- ☐ Tree officer (existing trees)

- ☐ Environment Agency (main rivers and fluvial/tidal flood risk, River Arun internal drainage board, groundwater source protection zones)
- ☐ Southern Water (foul drainage and surface water disposal to public sewer network/groundwater source protection zones)
- ☐ Portsmouth Water (groundwater source protection zones)
- ☐ Lead local flood authority (all other sources of flooding and ordinary watercourses)
- ☐ Other: Specify
- ☒ None

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Summary and Recommendation:

Condition 12: **Objection**

Condition 13: **Further information required**

Condition 14: **Further information required**

Please note: Any DOC application should only have a maximum of two consultation responses. If this is the second response for an open application and there are still comments outstanding, then please object to the application.

	ADC Drainage Comments	Designer Response			
Date:	13/03/2026				
Condition Number: 12					
Comment Number					
1.	Runoff Destination – The drainage layouts should include residential water butts.	Water butts are now included on all suitable garages, and are shown on the drainage plans in Appendix H.			
2.	CCTV of existing culvert – Appendix U appears to end at the contents page of the CCTV survey, please provide the whole appendix for review.	Appendix U is now provided within the Discharge of Conditions Technical Note.			
3.	Works to existing culvert - There is no Appendix W locatable on the planning file.	Appendix W is now provided within the Discharge of Conditions Technical Note.			
4.	Inception Drainage - There is no Appendix X locatable on the	Appendix X is now provided within the Discharge of			

	planning file. Please provide assessment which meets NSfS.	Conditions Technical Note.			
5.	Note. The peak outflow rate estimated at outline stage has not been updated to the impermeable area (which has increased from 1.78ha to 2.48 ha including basin surface). This is not in accordance with ADC and NSfS standards. However, retaining the previous peak flow rate is in this case robust and reduces downstream flows. Therefore there is no objection to this approach.	Agreed, no action required.			
6.	Risk of floatation to basins - There is no Appendix Y locatable on the planning file. Please provide assessment which demonstrates acceptable risk of floatation.	Appendix Y is now provided within the Discharge of Conditions Technical Note.			
7.	Landscaping – a landscaping design which is coordinated with the drainage design should be submitted.	Appendix AB contains the coordinated landscape proposals with all trees located outside of the 3m easement zones for the basins and ditches as requested, and in consideration with wider drainage infrastructure.			
8.	Formation Levels of permeable paving attenuation blanket are not clear, please highlight the	Appendix T contains the updated permeable paving formation level			

	plans which define depths and levels of subbase storage.	drawing which includes the formation level to ordnance datum, the overall construction thickness of the permeable paving and the reference to the construction details which evidence this information.			
9.	Permeable Paving - There is no Appendix V locatable on the planning file.	Appendix V is now provided within the Discharge of Conditions Technical Note.			
10.	Construction details – the design / product reference for the flow control device should be shown.	The hydrobrake product number is now included on the hydrobrake detail in Appendix K. In addition to this, we have obtained the detail directly from Hydro-International which is also included in Appendix K.			
11.	The max water level does not allow for 300mm freeboard in the basins, the adjacent ground level should be increased.	The top of bank level has now been increased to ensure 300mm of freeboard is provided as requested. This is evidenced in the calculation in Appendix I which shows the top of bank level as			

		4.863mAOD and the top water level of 4.561mAOD. This is consistent with the updated drainage and levels plans in Appendix H and Appendix T respectively.			
12.	A flap valve or similar should be installed at the outlet to prevent surcharge water flooding the basins.	A flap non-return valve is now included on the outfall to the ditch as requested. This is evidenced on the drainage plans in Appendix H and the Sections drawings in Appendix S.			
13.	It is not clear whether the EA requirement for FFLs to be 300mm above design flood level is achieved in the design. This should be made explicit in the report.	All proposed floor levels are in excess of 300mm above the maximum defended flood level of 3.88mAOD, with the minimum floor level being 5.35mAOD. This is evidenced in Paragraph 2.7 of the report.			
14.	The Drainage Layouts do not currently show Exceedance Routes.	Appendix O containing the Exceedance Flow Plans is now provided within the Discharge of			

		Conditions Technical Note.			
Condition Number: 13					
Comment Number					
1.	Please provide confirmation of OWC consent.	West Sussex County Council as the LLFA have confirmed that OWC is not required. This is evidenced in paragraph 4.9 and Appendix Z of the report.			
2.	Note - This condition cannot be discharged before Condition 12.	Noted, no action required.			
Condition Number: 14					
Comment Number					
1.	The MMP needs to be a stand-alone document not appended to a discharge of conditions report.	The Management and Maintenance Plan is now provided as a standalone document, whilst still being included in Appendix L of the discharge of conditions Technical Note.			
2.	Update to approved drainage and details plans noting comments on Condition 12 above as necessary.	We can confirm that the drawings and details contained within the Management and Maintenance Plan reflect the updates as a result of these comments.			

3.	Note - This condition cannot be discharged before Condition 12.	Noted, no action required.			
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