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Dear Sirs

**Application for the release of a condition following grant of planning permission R/149/07 –
Condition 5 Willow Court, Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, BN16 3EY**

Please find our application for the release of Condition 5 on the basis of the soakaways as constructed in line with the calculations submitted September 2008 (appendix 1). I would draw your attention to the enclosed statements to the rainfall winter 2013/2014 (appendix 2).

I would make the following points:

1. In 2013/2014 we experienced some of the worst rainfall in the last 200 years. With severe flooding reported in all parts of the South East. Further in the summer of 2013 the Arun District area experienced a flash flood.
2. Both in February and March 2014 the four covers to the two soakaway chambers were lifted by our Chartered Surveyor, Simon Parker MRICS. He reported that water levels were at least one meter below ground level and soakaways were functioning and effective. We have continued to monitor over the last six months and the chambers are now empty.
3. No reports were received in the period 2008-2014 by the Arun District Council's Engineers as to any flooding/surface water from this site, and this was confirmed during my meeting with the Arun District Council Engineers on 1 September 2014. I also enclose, at appendix 3, the Environmental Agency and Sussex County Council plan of Rustington Wet Spots, where you will also note that no flooding has been reported in this location.

I therefore contend that the system as constructed passes the most vital of all engineering tests, the ability to effectively deal with the use for which it has been designed and constructed. This system has withstood the most testing conditions since 1910.

The building was substantially completed in 2009 and the soakaways have been effective since that time. I would therefore be pleased if you would discharge condition 5 as this system has proved satisfactory in all respects for the last 5 years.

Yours faithfully,



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