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Date 14/04/2026

Dear Mr Davis,

RE: WA/18/26/PL - Land off Arundel Road Fontwell

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 24th March 2026. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

This is a full application for the erection of 64 residential dwellings with access off Arundel Road, together with associated parking, open space, play space, landscaping, drainage and infrastructure.

At present we **object and require additional information covering the below matters:**

1. Evidence that each standard of the new National Standards for SuDS (NSfS) (July 2025) have been met, in particular regarding interception and source control. Since the previous outline application, the NSfS have updated, and it is important these are addressed at full application stage, as it may alter the layout of the site.
2. From the documentation provided, we have a significant concern that, due to high groundwater levels, the current design will not be viable. Section 1.15 of the above NSfS states that a minimum of 1m clearance between the base of any infiltration feature and the highest level of groundwater. Please confirm that this standard can be met, with appropriate evidence. Alternatively, please provide a revised drainage strategy incorporating an alternative method of surface water management. We understand this is likely to be utilisation of a WSCC Highway drain. If so evidence of approval for this should be appended (we note the current document states this is included at Appendix G, however we could not locate it. If it has already been provided, please confirm the page number).
3. Based on the outcome of Point 2, we may require updated water quality indices that comply with the requirements for discharge to a surface water sewer (as per Standard 4)

4. We concur with the proposal to line some of the proposed permeable paving due to groundwater levels, however should there be any areas within the site that have the opportunity to utilise unlined attenuation, this should be explored.
5. We have noted that the strategy states at 5.3.19 that FEH 2022 has been employed (which is correct for our requirements), however the provided calculations state FEH 1999, please confirm which is correct/update calculations if necessary.
6. We have some concerns that the calculations may not be site specific. Region 6 does not cover this area of West Sussex.

We will review this objection when the issues highlighted above are adequately addressed and we are formally reconsulted. When preparing any further documents to address the above comments, we recommend clearly highlighting where amendments have been made.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Natalie Biddulph
Flood Risk Management Team

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Annex

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

- Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy 33186/CS v.0.1 06/03/2026

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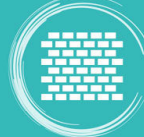
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