

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

Our ref: HA/2021/123836/03-L01
Your ref: WA/32/21/PL
Date: 06 May 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - CONSTRUCTION OF 30 NO. DWELLINGS
TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS, PARKING, PUBLIC OPEN SPACE &
LANDSCAPING LAND AT WEST WALBERTON LANE, WALBERTON, BN18 0QF.**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

We have reviewed the information as submitted and set out our position below.

Environment Agency Position

We **maintain our objection** to the proposed development as submitted.

We remain concerned that the approach of digging down into the floodplain may not provide the required compensation over the lifetime of the development. No details have been provided regarding the maintenance and management of the compensation area.

We require the applicant to provide outputs from the PDS modelling in a format for us to see the breakdown and locations of volume lost and volume gained across the site. As yet no details have been provided regarding volumes lost and gained.

We require the applicant to provide details on how the proposed compensation area would connect to the Barnham Rife.

We would like to know how the level of the ecology pond within the compensation area would be managed. We note that the area will be lined with clay meaning the compensation area will act like a water-tight basin with a single outlet into the Barnham Rife.

Environment Agency
Guildbourne House Chatsworth Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1LD.
Customer services line: [REDACTED]
www.gov.uk/environment-agency

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We require confirmation that the compensation area will be lined with clay, and that this area be added to the drainage strategy, as the area will essentially be impermeable.

Any works within 8m of Main River will require a Flood Risk Activity Permit through the Environment Agency and plans to discharge water into Main River will require a discharge permit through the Environment Agency's National Permitting Service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details shown below should you have any queries regarding the above information.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sophie Brown
Sustainable Places Planning Advisor

