

Our reference: SSD111403

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14 January 2019

Dear Alice,

Thank you for your request of 20 December 2018 to use Environment Agency Product 4 data for a site at the land off Grevatt's Lane West, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 0LA.

Response to your request

The Environment Agency's records indicate that the above site is located in Flood Zone 1 (land assessed as having less than 0.1% (1 in 1,000) chance of flooding in any given year from **rivers or the sea**). Therefore, the likelihood of flooding from rivers and sea in this area is estimated as 'very low'.

Proximity to Flood Zones 2 or 3

The above site is approximately 20 metres away from Flood Zone 2. We are therefore unable to provide data from our detailed fluvial or tidal models which is relevant to your site.

More information on Flood Zones can be found on the GOV.UK website:

<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/flood-risk-and-coastal-change/flood-zone-and-flood-risk-tables/table-1-flood-zones/>

Surface water flooding

Our mapping indicates that this site is at risk of surface water flooding.

For information on flooding from all other sources, such as surface water, please contact the Lead Local Flood Authority, which in this case is West Sussex County Council. A link to their information available online is shown below:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/dealing-with-extreme-weather/dealing-with-flooding/flood-risk-management/local-flood-risk-management-strategy/>

Please note that the above is a link to an external website which the Environment Agency does not control or maintain. Therefore, the link may not be the most up-to-date at the date of this letter. If the link does not work, and you are unable to find the information about surface water flooding on the relevant website, please contact the authority named above directly.

Where you can find further information

- Detailed long-term flood information and maps can be found on the GOV.UK website:
<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk/>
- Flood maps for planning can be found on the GOV.UK website:
<https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/>
- Please be aware that in February 2016 the Environment Agency updated its guidance on climate change allowances. The standard allowance of adding 20% to peak flows – as per previous guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework, may not be applicable for the purposes of informing development proposals. It is possible that our current modelling has under estimated flood risk when taking climate change into consideration. This does not however have an effect on Flood Zones 2 or 3. For further information please visit:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessments-climate-change-allowances>
- Further details about the Environment Agency information supplied can be found on the GOV.UK website:
<https://www.gov.uk/browse/environment-countryside/flooding-extreme-weather>
- If you have requested this information to help inform a development proposal, then you should note the information on GOV.UK on the use of Environment Agency information for Flood Risk Assessments:
<https://www.gov.uk/planning-applications-assessing-flood-risk>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-planning-application-enquiry-form-preliminary-opinion>

If you have any queries or would like to discuss the content of this letter further please call us on 03708 506 506, or reply to the email sent to you with this letter attached.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries or contact us within two (2) months if you would like us to review the information we have sent.

For information on what you can expect from us and our full service commitment to you, please click on this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-agency-customer-service-commitment-2/environment-agency-customer-service-commitment>

Yours sincerely,

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