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From: Simon Davis

Sent: 18 February 2021 12:27

To: Steve Culpitt [REDACTED]

Cc: Ian Johnson [REDACTED] Daniel Vick <Daniel.Vick@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Bonhams Field - drainage

Dear Mr Culpitt,

I am sorry that you are concerned with how this decision was made.

All Arun DC Planning Officers are actively encouraged to determine applications within the 8 week period and to only use Extensions of Time where absolutely necessary. That is not to say that we don't use them but we are encouraged not to. This is to facilitate improvements in performance and all officers are regularly monitored by Team Leaders and the Group Head of Planning. In hindsight, I should have alerted your agent to the fact that we were issuing refusals before we did so but any objections received in response would not have altered our approach.

On this application I note that our drainage engineer initially provided advice to your consultant on 05/01/21 which was within only a few days of the application being registered. She gave further advice on 12/01/21 and then gave her final advice on 16/02/21 following your consultants response of the 2nd February. Not that it should matter but I believe that the engineer was on holiday during the period in late January/early February. In our view the advice that was given and the time allowed for a response should have been sufficient to overcome the initial concerns.

If you wish the matters to be raised with the Ombudsman then you need to follow our complaints procedure - see here: <https://www.arun.gov.uk/corporate-complaints/>

Kind Regards

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From: Steve Culpitt [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 February 2021 07:29

To: Simon Davis <Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>

Cc: Ian Johnson [REDACTED]
Subject: Bonhams Field - drainage

Dear Simon

Again please can you explain ADCs questionable actions in the sense of being reasonable with this application .

No other authority we are dealing with acts in this bizarre fashion.

No offer of EOT (where others are more than happy to do this) especially when your drainage officer took two weeks to respond to our engineer. It appears you deliberately timed this out.

This is totally against central Governments desire to deliver housing with sensible liaison with applicants and LA.

We have other housing opportunities in Arun but are not bring these forward anytime soon.

I welcome this, the 75 unit scheme and the tree condition are now referred to appropriate ombudsman.

With very kind regards

Steve

Sent from my iPhone