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Sent: 04 March 2022 11:52
To: 'Sparkes, Jessica'

Subject: RE: Drove Lane, Yapton - Surface Water Drainage

Dear Jess,

I appreciate you are frustrated to receive another refusal but our rules (which apply to everyone) are not to allow extensions of time except in exceptional circumstances and I am also not allowed to seek an EoT without team leader approval. In addition, our rules are to only allow one attempt at amending the DOC application before issuing our decision (see <https://www.arun.gov.uk/what-happens-next>).

We consulted Laura on 18/01 and she responded on 01/02 with a request for further information. You responded 15/02 but as became clear from Laura's subsequent comments of 01/03, you did not provide the detail that had been requested or justify why not (other than to say this reflects the approach taken elsewhere – which Laura disagrees with). Regardless of the fact that Laura only works for us one day a week, it is entirely reasonable to give a consultee 2 weeks to provide a response and so there was not sufficient time before the expiry date to seek further changes (and this would also have conflicted with our policy on dealing with DOCs).

If you resubmit and it becomes apparent at that time, that it may not be possible to agree the details in 8 weeks then I can ask my team leader whether we can agree to extending the time and also deviate from the one amendment rule.

Kind Regards

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Simon

I write further to the refusal, again, of surface water drainage and levels pre-commencement conditions for our Drove Lane site.

This is absolutely ridiculous. Laura is commenting on landscaping details and we have followed the same strategy as we did at Water Lane, Angmering where the strategy was entirely acceptable. Why have Officers refused the submission when Laura has simply asked for root potential to be added to the plans, we could have easily agreed an extension of time.

It is quite unfair that we are penalised for struggling to discharge planning conditions when the consultee works just one day a week. Commencement on this site is long overdue, it is no surprise that Arun struggles so significantly with its 5YHLS when it refuses to work proactively with those submitting the planning applications.

I hope you can sense my frustration and disappointment that yet again we are prevented from starting work on site and delivering much needed housing simply because Officers need to tick a box and have no understanding of the commercial pressure and accumulating costs on this side of the fence.

Jess

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