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Subject: RE: Bonhams Field, Yapton - Drainage Conditions - Y/65/22/DOC & Y/103/22/DOC

Thomas,

Thanks for the email. We will shortly be sending this email to all applicants awaiting comments on drainage.

"The Council are aware that issues around surface water drainage have resulted in some significant delays in the time taken for responses and sign offs. The Engineers team had had a number of vacancies created in recent times and recruitment difficulties. Whilst the use of external consultants to assist in the delivery of the service has happened, this has not yet resulted in a significant resource for the team. We currently have a backlog of applications to deal with/comment on.

The Group Head of Planning and Group Head of Environment & Climate Change have been discussing these issues recently and a significant increase in the amount of external resources has been secured. The priorities for those members of staff in the team has also been re-assessed to prioritise the backlog.

The only short term priority is to deal with this backlog and catch up on this work. It will then be to maintain this level of service.

Whilst we understand that this is immensely frustrating, we are working towards dealing with this backlog over the coming weeks/months. We are initially prioritising the oldest cases first and we hope to be in a position as soon as possible to let you know when your application is likely to receive some attention (if you have not already heard by then) and we are aiming to deal with the whole of the backlog over the next couple of months.

We apologise for this delay but we are doing everything we can to deal with the backlog as soon as we can and we ask you to bear with us while this happens."

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Good Morning Simon,

I hope you're keeping well. Is there any further updates on this? Is there any possibility we can arrange a meeting with Arun and / or your drainage consultants to help guide them through the submissions to help speed up the process?

I appreciate that your workloads are very high and you are dealing with cases in a priority order, but this is now holding up the delivery and sale of dwellings at the site and putting our client in a very difficult position (hence the previous request for a deemed discharge). Seaward are very keen to help in way possible to help speed up the decision making process if they are able to do so.

Let me know if you have any thoughts.

Kind Regards

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