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

Dear Mr Mckeown-Mundy,

Thanks for your email. Daniel is away today but I can advise that Y/65/22/DOC is currently being looked at by engineers and we should have a response by the end of the week. Y/103/22/DOC has only been with us for 5 weeks and is not a higher priority on the backlog list at the moment.

Kind Regards

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Dear Mr Vick,

Further to your corporate update on 2nd September (copy below) On behalf of Seward Properties Limited I note a further period of nearly 2 working weeks has passed with no change or improvement in service.

I sense from your summary that Arun has experienced resourcing issues causing delays and now even the external consultancy employed to check submissions are also unable to cope.

I sense your frustration with not being able to deal with the Condition Discharge Submissions in the required timescales. You acknowledge ours also as one of many house builders in the same situation in Arun.

For the avoidance of doubt let me outline the impact of this to our business:

Submission Y/65/22/DOC has been validated by Arun since 20th May 2022. (4 months ago)

A decision was due on 15th July 2022. (2 months + ago)

Today 20th September, despite regular offerings from our business and our teams of experts to support Arun in providing even feedback. **We have received nothing.**

Submission Y/103/22/DOC has been validated by Arun since 16th August 2022. (1 month + ago)

A decision is due in just over 3 weeks but we have yet had no engagement despite regular offerings from our business and our teams of experts to support Arun.

Seaward Properties Limited are now legally unable to exchange on contracts for sale.

As a small company and providers of quality homes, the constraint of this final Planning Condition is damaging our business.

We have approx. 6 properties we cannot contract on. Unlike the national developer we are unable to shift our focus around to numerous outlets. This site is our only volume scheme.

Our inability to contract on homes is not just "numbers on a profit sheet" but peoples homes and lives that are left in limbo. Furthermore the livelihoods of our team and employees if as a sales business we are unable to sell.

Two of the properties are "Help to Buy" homes that are on a strict government timeline.

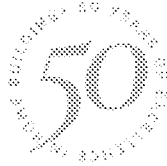
Our hands are tied and the strategy and timescales below from Arun are simply unacceptable.

I await your update and hope to hear positive news on our submissions in the coming few days.

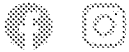
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Thomas,

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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