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PLANNING REF: AWDM/0020/24 Car Park South Street, Lancing - Condition 6

Dear Gary

With regards to the above Application to Discharge Condition 6 at South Street Car Park in Lancing, I understand that WSP have reiterated their concerns about the technical design of the drainage proposals for the housing scheme. It would seem their main contention is that the change of use from car park to housing, exposes future occupants of the development and surrounding neighbourhood to an increased risk of flooding, should the drainage solution be compromised by severe flooding.

In recognition of this remote possibility, I thought I would write a letter in support of the application by outlining the provisions Adur District Council have put in place to tackle the "use based" vulnerability to flooding that WSP are referring to (i.e. car park is less vulnerable when compared with residential properties). You may be aware that there is a multi-agency flood plan in effect for Adur District which details the emergency response arrangements. This runs in parallel with the Emergency Assistance Centres Plan which covers the evacuation of displaced persons.

In the event of flood defences failing and flooding occurring on the South Street site, the emergency services would consider the need for evacuation and as a local authority we would support the response by providing and managing a place for displaced persons to be housed temporarily. The nearest location for this would be Lancing Parish Hall, which is immediately opposite the development.

On this basis, I am comfortable with the proposal and have no objection to the discharge of Planning Condition 6 either on the grounds of public safety or flood risk.

Yours sincerely

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