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Dear Peter,

RE: AWDM/0053/26 - Southwick Nursery 15 Roman Way Southwick West Sussex

Thank you for your consultation on the above site. We have reviewed the application as the drainage consultant acting on behalf of the Council and wish to make the following comments.

The applicant is applying for approval of details reserved by Condition 3 (CMP); Condition 5 (Drainage); Condition 6 (Contamination); Condition 7 (Materials) of approved application AWDM/1805/22. The application is to Adur District Council.

Following a review of the submitted information, we are happy to provide consultation comments on Conditions 3 and 5 due to their relation to flood risk and drainage. Although we have received a Construction Management Plan (CMP), we note that insufficient information has been provided for the discharge of Condition 3. We would expect the CMP to provide details of temporary surface water drainage arrangements and measures to ensure that there are no negative effects on flood risk or water quality within nearby surface water receptors.

We acknowledge the infiltration testing report and drainage design drawing that has been provided to address the surface water flood risk onsite. However, we note that insufficient information has been received to support the viability of the infiltration drainage design and therefore the discharge of Condition 5. The applicant should provide evidence of the following:

- Winter groundwater monitoring to confirm insitu groundwater levels and demonstrate adequate clearance from the base of the soakaway.
- Drainage calculations for the 100% AEP (1 in 1 year), 3.33% AEP (1 in 30 year), 3.33% AEP (1 in 30 year) plus climate change, the 1% AEP (1 in 100 year) and the 1% AEP (1 in 100) plus climate change critical storms using the FEH methodology, a 45% allowance for climate change, and a CV value of 1.
- Specific size details of the proposed soakaway.



Therefore, **we would recommend Conditions 3 and 5 are not approved** until updated information is received that addresses the above points.

Reason

To prevent flooding in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 165-175 by ensuring the satisfactory management of local flood risk, surface water flow paths, storage, and disposal of surface water from the site in a range of rainfall events and ensuring the SuDS proposed operates as designed for the lifetime of the development.

Yours sincerely

Sustainable Water Management Officer