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Dear Hannah,

**RE: AWD/0549/26 - 12 Valley Road Sompting West Sussex BN15 0JR.**

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 the approval of details reserved by Conditions 3 (Materials), 4 (BNG), 5 (Details of hard and soft landscaping), 11 (Cycle parking), 12 (Surface Water drainage scheme), 13 (Management of drainage scheme), 14 (CMP), 15 (Sustainable Design Features) of approved application AWD/0021/25. The application is to Adur District Council.

Following a review of the submitted information, we are happy to provide consultation comments on Conditions 12 and 13 due to their relation to flood risk and drainage. We acknowledge the receipt of a Foul and Surface Water Drainage Plan (Drawing No: NHA-017-DOC012-13, dated 11.02.2026) confirming soakaway and permeable paving as the proposed method of surface water discharge. However, evidence of infiltration testing and groundwater monitoring have not been provided, as required in the wording of Condition 12, to demonstrate that infiltration is a viable method of surface water discharge at the site. Drainage calculations for all storm events up to and including the 1 in 100-year plus climate change critical storm have not been provided to evidence the proposed drainage for the site has been sized correctly and will not increase flood risk elsewhere.

In addition, the applicant has not provided sufficient details of the proposed maintenance and management of the surface water drainage, as required for Condition 13. An independent report should be submitted detailing the required maintenance actions for each drainage feature and the timescales for this maintenance to be carried out.

Therefore, **we would recommend Conditions 12 and 13 are not approved** until updated information is received that addresses the above points.

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Yours sincerely,

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