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Dear Peter,

RE: AWDM/0448/26 - Recreation Ground Old Barn 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 to vary Conditions 1 (Approved Plans), 22 (levels) and 26 (surface water drainage) of previously approved AWDM/1217/23. Amendments: Repositioning of pitch; reduction in clubhouse size and alterations including relocation of main entrance; formation levels change and two new access ramps; amended surface water drainage strategy incorporating new soakaway design based on perimeter-only infiltration. ORIGINAL DESCRIPTION: Redevelopment of the Former Southwick Football Club, comprising the replacement of existing turf pitch with 3G pitch and replacement floodlights, demolition of existing clubhouse and erection of replacement Sports Hub Building, erection of spectator stand along with other ancillary infrastructure. The application is to Adur District Council.

Whilst we are happy to provide further consultation comments based on our last consultation response on AWDM/0239/25 (dated 28/02/25), we note that this application is for a major application and therefore WSCC, as the Lead Local Flood Authority, should also be consulted prior to the variation or discharge of any conditions.

Following a review of the submitted information, we note that the applicant has addressed our previous comments regarding Condition 26 and has provided a drainage strategy for the proposed football pitch that does not utilise base infiltration in the soakaway. This application is to vary the Condition 26 to allow for a staged drainage strategy. We note that the previous drainage strategy proposed to drain the clubhouse to the same soakaway and system as the football pitch. Therefore, due to the size limitations of the site, we have concerns that drainage for the proposed clubhouse will not be viable if the drainage for the football pitch is approved at this stage without being sized for the entire site.



Yours sincerely

Sustainable Water Management Officer