

Adur & Worthing Councils  
Planning team  
Portland House  
Richmond Road  
Worthing  
West Sussex  
BN11 1LF

**Our ref:** HA/2025/126949/01  
**Your ref:** AWDM/0706/25  
**Date:** 05 August 2025

Dear Planning team (FAO: Peter Barnett),

**DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUNGALOW AT 74 OLD SHOREHAM ROAD TO  
ENABLE ACCESS TO LAND TO THE REAR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
NINE DWELLINGS ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE.**

**SITE OF 74 OLD SHOREHAM ROAD AND LAND SOUTH OF 72 TO 88A OLD  
SHOREHAM ROAD, LANCING, WEST SUSSEX.**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

We have reviewed the information as submitted and set out our position and comments below.

### **Environment Agency position**

In the absence of an acceptable Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) we **object** to this application and recommend that planning permission is refused.

### **Reasons**

The submitted FRA does not comply with the requirements for site-specific Flood Risk Assessments, as set out in paragraphs 20 to 21 of the Planning Practice Guidance for Flood Risk and Coastal Change and its site-specific flood risk assessment checklist. The FRA does not therefore adequately assess the flood risks posed by the development. In particular, the FRA does not explicitly state the finished floor levels of the first floor of the dwellings (where sleeping accommodation is located). The finished floor levels need to provide a minimum 600mm freeboard on top of the design flood level.

### **Overcoming our objection**

To overcome our objection, the applicant should submit a revised FRA which addresses the point specified above. If this cannot be achieved, we are likely to maintain our objection.

Please re-consult us on any revised FRA submitted and we will respond within 21 days of receiving it.

**Advice to the Local Planning Authority**

If you are minded to approve the application contrary to our objection, we would be grateful if you could re-notify us to explain why material considerations outweigh our objection, and to give us the opportunity to make further representations. Should our objection detailed above be removed, it is likely we will recommend planning conditions to be included on any subsequent approval.

*In accordance with the Planning Practice Guidance (Ref. ID: 20150415), please notify us by email within 2 weeks of a decision being made or application withdrawn. Please provide us with a URL of the decision notice, or an electronic copy of the decision notice or outcome.*

If you have any queries regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the advisor identified below.

Yours faithfully,

**Environment Agency – Solent & South Downs**

Sustainable Places Advisor: Anna Rabone

Direct dial: 02077 140525

Direct e-mail: [anna.rabone@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:anna.rabone@environment-agency.gov.uk)