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Planning Reference: **DM/25/2474**

Site Address: **Land South Of Hammerwood Road Ashurst Wood West Sussex**

Planning Description: **The erection of twelve houses, comprising 4x two bedroom houses, 4x three bedroom houses and 4x four bedroom houses, with associated access (Via Yewhurst Close) and parking.**

Statutory Response Due by: **09 April 2026**

Dear Joanne Fisher,

Thank you for your re-consultation on the above site, received on 27 March 2026. For this consultation, we have reviewed the following documents submitted:

- Flood Risk Assessment and SuDS Report, Nimbus Engineering Consultants, December 2025, C3655-R1-REV-B.

The LLFA previously objected on the 12 December 2025 and the applicant has since responded with an updated FRA and SuDS report to address these comments. We are still concerned with the proposals as they still make reference to the discharge of surface water to the foul sewer and the calculations still utilise outdated rainfall data and parameters.

Therefore, we **maintain our objection** to this planning application in the absence of an acceptable Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Drainage Strategy relating to:

- The development not complying with NPPF, PPG or WSCC local policies.
- The objection points outlined below.

Reason

To prevent flooding in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 181, 182 and 187 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.

We will consider reviewing this objection if the following issues are adequately addressed.

1. The LLFA objects to the discharge of surface water to the foul sewer. The applicant is required to confirm the method of discharge and submit approval from the relevant party confirming that surface water can be discharged to the proposed sewer.
2. The drainage layouts are shown as 'For information'. Whilst we appreciate that construction drawings cannot be provided at this stage, they should be confirmed as Final Design at this stage.
3. Submission of hydraulic calculations that have the updated parameters of FEH22, CV value of 1 and urban creep 10% allowance is required. The current calculation still utilise old rainfall data and parameters.

Yours sincerely

Flood Risk Management Team