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Date 14/11/2025

Dear Martin,

RE: **DM/25/2634** Land Adjacent To Batchelors Farmhouse Keymer Road Burgess Hill
RH15 0BQ

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 22nd October 2025. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

This is an Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved (except the means of access from the public highway) for residential development and the construction of up to 26 dwellings, with vehicular accesses, and new footpath links to Keymer Road, the provision of new landscape amenity space, areas of ecological enhancements, together with associated Highways, Drainage and Utilities works associated with the proposed development.

At present we have a **holding objection**, pending responses to the below:

- 1) It is noted that the proposal plans to discharge attenuated surface water to an ordinary watercourse to the northwest of the site. This is acceptable in principle. However we require further information to ensure the site has a method of draining in line with the SuDS hierarchy. Please can the Applicant provide details of any easement arrangement for the connection as it appears to be outside of the redline boundary? We will need to be satisfied the connection can be managed and maintained for the lifetime of the development. Please could we also be provided with a more detailed plan/drawings indicating the connection method and location.
- 2) The drainage strategy provided mentions intrusive site testing undertaken in December 2021 to January 2022. Please could we have a copy of the full report for review?

3) Regarding the calculations provided, we require the following amendments before a full review:

- Additional storage needs to be set to 0
- All CV values should be set to 1, including summer/winter values
- To allow us to check the calculation parameters, please send the FEH 2022 point data file for the site to the Flood Risk Management Team. This data will be dealt with in accordance with 5.1.7 of the FEH Web Service terms of use. Please send it to FRM@westsussex.gov.uk, not the case officer, as this information must remain confidential to follow the terms of use. Please title this email: "DM/25/2634 FEH2022 Point File".

As an advisory, the Applicant should ensure they follow the recently updated National Standards for SuDS (July 2025) in any further submissions.

Upon receipt of responses to the above we will be in a position to make further comments.

Yours sincerely,

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Documents considered for this response:

- Batchelors Farms: Flood Risk Assessment and Outline Drainage Strategy P25024_R1 April 2025