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Lead Local Flood Authority

Date 07 May 2025

Dear Planning Officer

RE: BN/46/25/PL- Central Sussex College, Queensmere House, 49 Queens Road, East Grinstead, RH19 1BG

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 24 April 2025. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

Conversion of a D1 Educational Building to 24no. Residential Apartments (32 Bedrooms) with infilling of existing undercroft areas, associated car parking, landscaping, cycle spaces, amenity areas, 1.1m high metal fence and new ramp.

The applicant has provided a Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy to account for the local flood risk issues and surface water drainage at this location. Following a review of the submitted documents, the details are in accordance with NPPF and local planning policy.

We have **no objection subject to conditions being attached to any consent** if this application is approved, and the Applicant is in agreement with pre-commencement conditions. We suggest the following wording. If the following conditions are not included, the development would be contrary to NPPF and local planning policy and we would **object** until such time that the details below are submitted for review.

Condition 1

Prior to the commencement of development, construction drawings of the surface water drainage network, associated sustainable drainage components and flow control mechanisms and a construction method statement shall be submitted and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall then be constructed as per the agreed drawings, method statement, FRA/Drainage Statement (Rev P02, ACIES, April 2025 and Drawing Proposed Drainage Plan Dwg. 0118-ACS-XX-XX-DP-9200 Rev P02 and remaining in perpetuity for the lifetime of the development unless agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No alteration to the agreed drainage scheme shall occur without prior written approval from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the development achieves a high standard of sustainability and to comply with NPPF and Local Planning Policy.

Condition 2

The development hereby approved shall not be first occupied until details of the maintenance and management of the sustainable drainage scheme have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The drainage scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved and thereafter managed and maintained in accordance with the approved details in perpetuity. The Local Planning Authority shall be granted access to inspect the sustainable drainage scheme for the lifetime of the development. The details of the scheme to be submitted for approval shall include:

- I. a timetable for its implementation,
- II. details of SuDS features and connecting drainage structures and maintenance requirement for each aspect
- III. details of SuDS features and connecting drainage structures and maintenance requirement for each aspect
- IV. a management and maintenance plan for the lifetime of the development which shall include the arrangements for adoption by any public body or statutory undertaker, or any other arrangements to secure the operation of the sustainable drainage scheme throughout its lifetime.

Reason: To ensure that the development achieves a high standard of sustainability and ensure the flood risk is adequately addressed for each new dwelling and not increased in accordance with NPPF and Local Policy.

Condition 3

Upon completion of the surface water drainage system, including any SuDS features, and prior to the first occupation of the development; a survey and report from an independent surveyor shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The survey and report shall demonstrate that the surface water drainage system has been constructed in accordance with the details approved pursuant to condition [1]. Where necessary, details of corrective works to be carried out along with a timetable for their completion, shall be included for approval in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any corrective works required shall be carried out in accordance with the approved timetable and subsequently re-surveyed with the findings submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the flood risk is adequately addressed, not increased and users remain safe for the lifetime of the development in accordance with NPPF and Local Policy

Erection of flow control structures or any culverting of an ordinary watercourse requires consent from the appropriate authority, which in this instance is West Sussex Lead Local Flood Authority / and the Local Council (if they have specific land drainage bylaws). It is advised to discuss proposals for any works at an early stage of proposals.

Yours sincerely

Flood Risk Management Team

Annex

The following documents have been reviewed, which have been submitted to support the application;

- Drainage Statement, ACIES, 11 April 2025, P02.