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Dear Joseph,

RE: DM/26/1405 Discharge of Condition & DM/26/1186 Reserved Matters - Land West of Selsfield Road, Ardingly, West Sussex

Thank you for your reconsultation on the above site, received on 27th August 2026. We have reviewed the response to the LLFA's previous comments as submitted for both applications above and wish to make the following comments.

We require additional information regarding:

Interception:

While some text in the report and the contributing areas drawing have been submitted as additional information, this is not in accordance with Standard 2 of the National Standards for SuDS. This is also highlighted by the applicant in writing and on the drawing. The basin area is not included in the contributing areas, when it should be. We therefore require additional information to demonstrate how the entire contributing area meets the requirements of Standard 2.

Calculations

It appears that some of the attenuation has been modelled 100% porosity, which does not correspond with drawings. This may be over-estimating the storage volumes in the modelling.

As the peak water level in the basin occurs at 1440 minutes (winter) event in the modelling, this may mean that the critical duration is longer than 1440 minutes, as 1440 minutes was the longest storm duration the model was run for. This means that the critical event for the basin may not be captured.

Upon receiving a formal reconsultation request from the LPA when any further information is submitted, we will review our comments and provide an updated response.

Yours sincerely,

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