

Katherine Williams

From: Katherine Williams
Sent: 01 August 2025 17:19
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: DM/25/0096 - Unit 19, Bolney Grange Business Park, Bolney

Dear Debbie,

Thank you for your email.

The Council's Flood Risk and Drainage Team have taken advice from County Council, who are the Lead Local Flood Authority, on this matter. They have confirmed that the ditch is a watercourse, and therefore there is a duty to keep it clear of silt, debris and in good working order, which would no longer be possible should the proposed extension be constructed, and therefore contrary to WSCC policy.

The Flood Risk and Drainage Team therefore object to the application on the same grounds as their original comments.

The further extension of time to 15th August is accepted.

Kind regards

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Sent: 31 July 2025 10:27
To: Katherine Williams <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
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Subject: Re: DM/25/0096 - Unit 19, Bolney Grange Business Park, Bolney

Dear Katherine

To say we are disappointed is an understatement. I am speechless. The Drainage Team made it clear that subject to confirmation of no loss of capacity in the ditch, confirmation that we provided, with section drawings, they had no objection to the development. How can your Drainage Team, who are the Council's expert consultants on drainage matters, disagree with the Local Lead Flood Authority? If two drainage "experts" disagree on the acceptability of the scheme, then the matter cannot surely be definitive, and cut and dried?

██ I am also away next week until 13th. As I need to speak to ██████████ before a decision is made on the application, I ask that the extension is time is made until at least Friday 15th August.

kind regards

On 31/07/2025 09:47, Katherine Williams wrote:

Dear Debbie,

Please see the attached final comments from the Flood Risk and Drainage Team, following advice from the LLFA.

As the proposal would bridge over the watercourse the required maintenance strip would not be maintained, which could result in in potential future flooding, and therefore cannot be supported on drainage grounds.

Having discussed this with senior colleagues it is not considered that this can be overcome under the current application and the application will therefore be recommended for refusal.

Should you client wish to pursue this further there is the right of appeal. Alternatively, the application can be withdrawn and pre-application advice sort from the LLFA.

[Flood Risk Management: Pre-application advice - West Sussex County Council](#)

I appreciate that this will be disappointing, to allow time for you to discuss this with your client and for the application to be determined in time I would like to request an extension of time 7th August. Please confirm if this is acceptable.

Kind Regards

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