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Our Ref: CJM/25-0093

Your Ref: DM/25/3021

**EMAILED 17 February 2026**

Dear Ms J Fisher

**Planning Reference: DM/25/3021**  
**Land To The West Of Courthouse Farm**

I refer to the West Sussex County Council [WSCC] Lead Local Flood Authority's [LLFA] letter of objection dated 23 December 2025 and Place Services letter dated 18 December 2025. We have addressed the points raised which are included in the revised FRADS Report Issue 2.0 dated 23 January 2026. A copy of the LLFA and Place Services comments are set out below together with references to where these points have been addressed in the revised FRADS report.

**WSCC LLFA:**

*We will consider reviewing this objection if the issues highlighted on the accompanying Planning Application Technical Response document are adequately addressed.*

- 1. Further assessment of the existing surface water flood risk and how the proposed development will impact this risk is required. Refer to Para. 5.4.3 and 5.4.4*
- 2. Justification on the use of a pump within the surface water drainage network is required and details of a pump failure should be provided. Refer to Para. 10.3.10 through to 10.3.15 and para. 11.2.4 and 11.2.5.*
- 3. Information on the existing ordinary watercourses is required and an investigation into the wider connectivity of these watercourses is required to ensure an appropriate discharge location is available. Refer to para. 10.3.24 and 10.3.15.*
- 4. The CV value within the hydraulic calculations should be updated to a value of 1. Refer to Appendix 5.*

**Place Services:**

*No SuDS interventions have been proposed within the scheme. The Option C Plan should include provision for SuDS interventions such as basins and swales or raingardens throughout. The rural character should be considered within the SuDS proposals, and any interventions should be naturalised where possible with planting and soft features. Refer to Tables 10.2, Table 10.3, Table 10.8 and para. 10.4.2.*



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We trust the revised FRADS Report Issue 2.0 enables the LLFA to withdraw their objection and shows that appropriate SuDS features have been incorporated into the drainage strategy as requested by Place Services.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Mellett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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For and on behalf of BdR (Civil and Structural Engineering) Ltd

