

Peter Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2026 11:19
To: Andy Watt; planninginfo
Subject: RE: DM/26/0764 — intrusive groundworks commenced on site ahead of outstanding surveys

re. DM/26/0764 — intrusive groundworks commenced on site ahead of outstanding surveys

Dear Mr Watt,

Further to my objection to planning application DM/26/0764 (proposed single dwelling, self/custom build, at Franc Jean Farm, The Street, Bolney), I am writing to report that yesterday, 23 July 2026 (and continuing today 24 July 2026), the applicant commenced excavation on the application site, apparently in order to carry out drainage / infiltration (BRE365) testing.

I wish to raise two concerns and to ask that the relevant consultees be alerted.

1. **Ecology.** These are intrusive groundworks being undertaken in advance of the great crested newt surveys that the applicant's own Preliminary Ecological Assessment, Place Services (ref 16128) and the NatureSpace Partnership all confirm remain outstanding. Carrying out such works before those surveys risks disturbing or destroying the habitat that the surveys are required to assess, and — if great crested newts or other protected species are present — risks an offence under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). This follows the pre-application tree clearance already evidenced on the site. I would be grateful if Place Services and the NatureSpace Partnership could be made aware of these works as a matter of urgency.
2. **Contamination.** The works also appear to pre-empt the phased approach recommended by the Council's Contaminated Land Officer (Mr Benson, comments dated 30 March 2026), under which any intrusive investigation should follow a preliminary risk assessment and be carried out in accordance with an agreed strategy. Given the site's history as a working farmyard, I would ask that the Contaminated Land Officer also be alerted.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the Council's position and record this correspondence on the application file.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

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On Thursday, 16 July 2026 at 16:31, Andy Watt <Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Drainage matters usually take a while to resolve, therefore I have not requested an extension of time for determination at this stage, but will do so at a later date.

Kind regards

Andy Watt, BSc (Hons), MTPL, MRTPI

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Sent: 15 July 2026 12:10

To: Andy Watt <Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: DM/26/0764 - Franc Jean Farm The Street Bolney Haywards
Heath West Sussex RH17 5PJ

Dear Mr Watt,

I am writing regarding planning application DM/26/0764 (proposed single dwelling, self/custom build) at Franc Jean Farm, The Street, Bolney, on which I submitted an objection as a neighbouring resident.

Could you confirm the current status of the application please, whether a corresponding extension of time for determination has been agreed in writing with the applicant's agent, and if so, the revised target date for a decision.

Many thanks,

Weald Chase
The Street
Bolney
West Sussex
RH17 5PF

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On Monday, 22 June 2026 at 10:23, Andy Watt
<Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and apologies for the delayed response. Our Drainage consultant has requested further information on drainage and flood risk matters, so this is now back with the applicant to resolve.

I hope this is of assistance.

Kind regards

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Sent: 03 June 2026 14:59

To: Andy Watt

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<planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: DM/26/0764 - Franc Jean Farm

The Street Bolney Haywards Heath West Sussex
RH17 5PJ

Hi Andy,

Could you let me have an update on the status of DM/26/0764 please? The Determination Deadline is shown as Thu 21 May 2026, but the planning portal has not been updated with a decision or recommendation.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

Weald Chase

The Street

Bolney
West Sussex

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On Tuesday, 21 April 2026 at 15:10, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Watt,

Please find attached an update to my previous objection letter, updated with both further information that has become available and with responses to consultation responses, particularly the one from WSCC Highways that was done without a site visit, and apparently with minimal knowledge of the setting and not a lot of thought.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Weald Chase

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Bolney
West Sussex

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On Monday, 13 April 2026 at 17:27, Andy Watt <Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:



Thank you for your email and apologies for the delayed response. We will accept comments until the 27th.

Kind regards

**Andy Watt, BSc (Hons),
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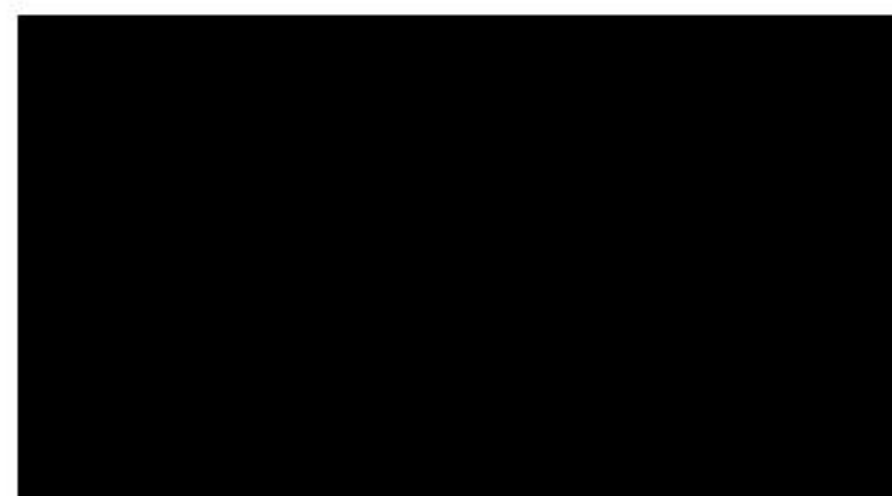
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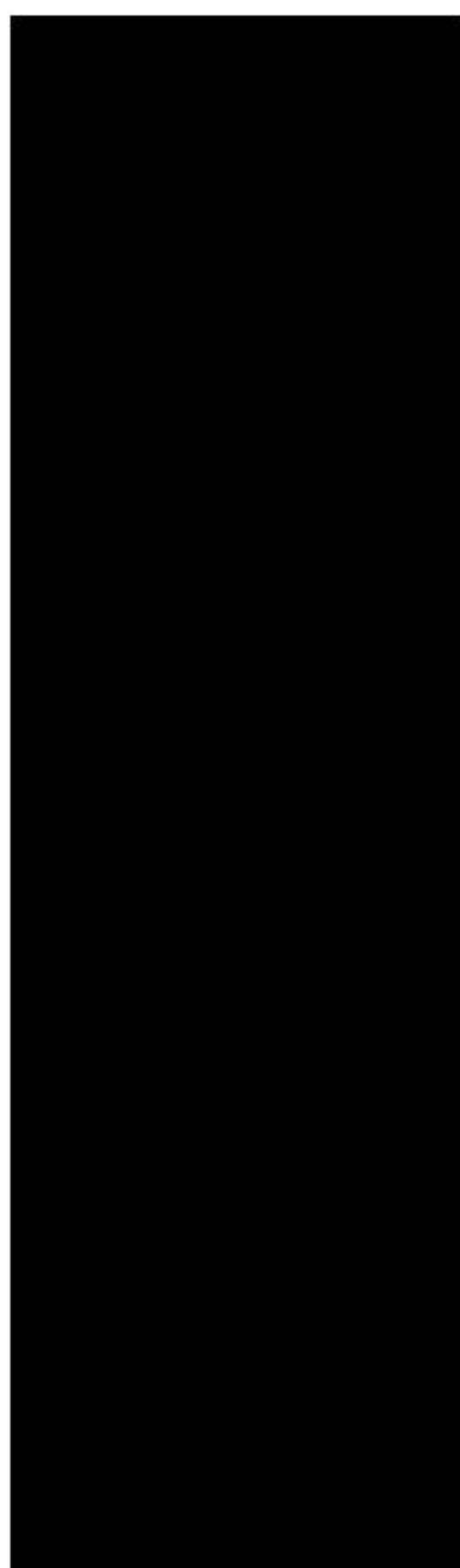
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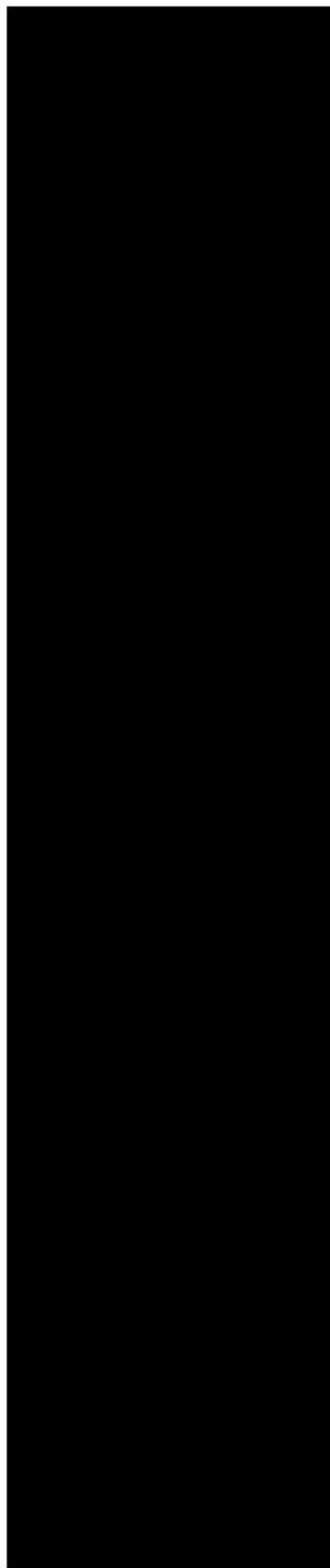
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