

Application for dropped kerb at 31, Royal George Road, Burgess Hill. DM/25/2347.

Dear Wendy,

With reference to your emails to my granddaughter requesting a 'Flood Risk Assessment' for the proposed dropped kerb at 31, Royal George Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 9SB, and your subsequent email, dated Sept. 17th. 2025, which states that "this FRA is only required if there are proposed alterations to the drive".

Can I confirm that the 'drive' is actually an existing 5m x 5m (approx) area, which was originally her front garden, and had been paved over using brick pavers on a compressed sand base. This is the area she now proposes to use as a car parking space due to yellow 'restricted parking' lines being installed on Royal George Road, making parking for her car extremely difficult. To allow her to access this hard standing area she is now requesting permission to drop the kerbs for approx. a width of 3.75m to 4m in front of her house.

For information, I have been onto the Environmental Agency website which states that, for this area, the 'yearly chance of surface water flooding is very low' i.e. less than 0.1% chance of a flood each year. This increases to a 'low' chance of flooding between 2040 and 2060 i.e. between 0.1% and 1% chance of flooding each year.

Existing drainage within the area consists of numerous road gullies within the roadway of Royal George Road, and an ACO drainage gully at the edge of the brick paved area, close to the house, which is piped into the property storm water drain. All these drains appear to be working satisfactorily at the present time and no problems have arisen within the seven years my granddaughter has lived there.

Can I assume then, that as no work is being carried out on the "drive", and your comment about the FRA not being necessary if that is the case, together with the Environment Agency assessment of there being a "very low" risk of flooding within this area, that we can dispense with the requirement to provide a flood risk assessment with this planning application ?

Mr. D. Philpott.
For, and on behalf of Ms. C. Kingshott.

