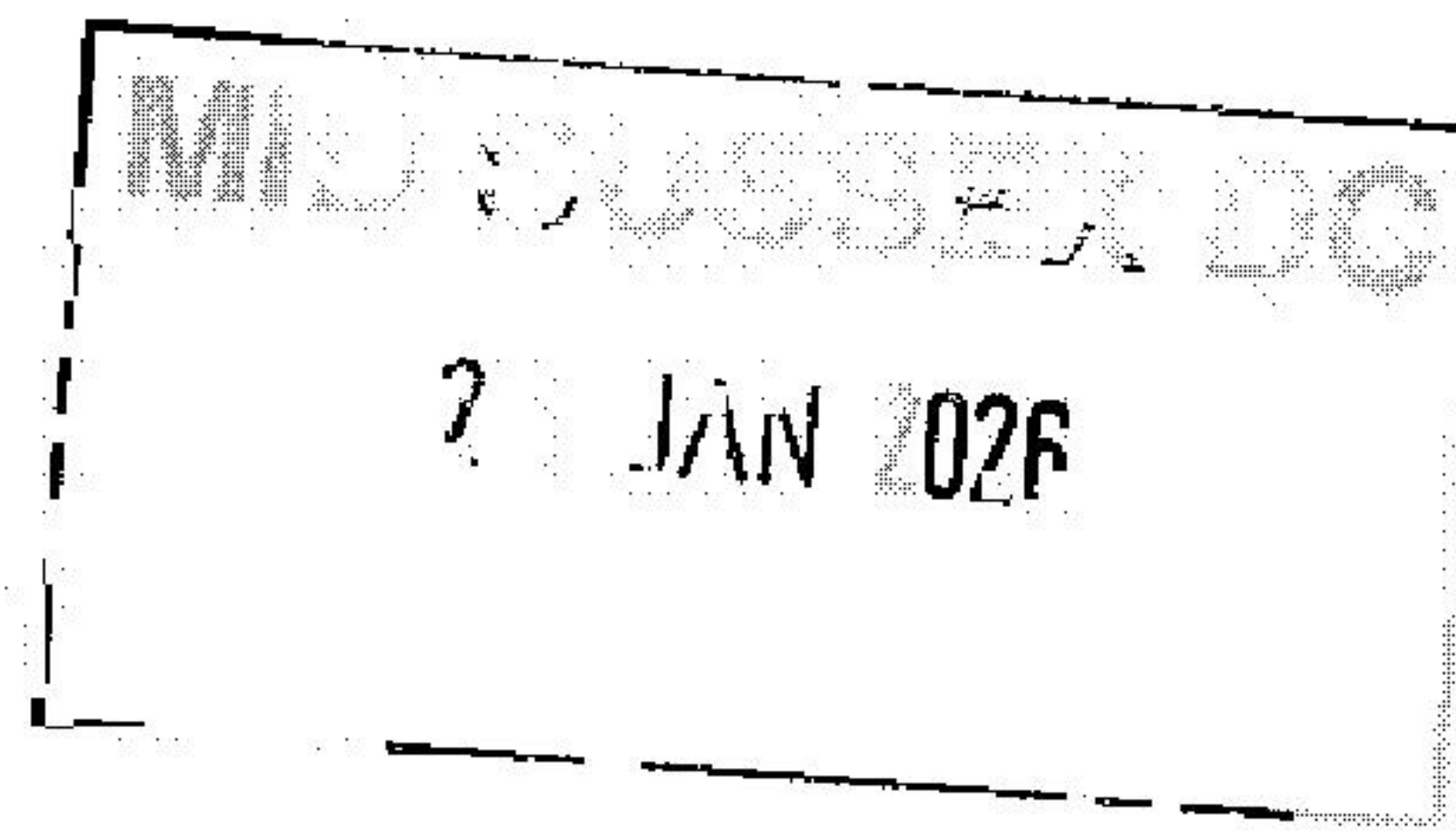




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20 January 2026

Mid Sussex Planning Department
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Dear Mid Sussex Planners

Re Application for variation of a condition following grant of planning permission

We moved into Fieldside, a newly built property on 18 November 2022. As is well documented, we have had a number of significant issues with our drains which even led to a number of visits from Adam Dracott, Environmental Health Officer.

Between June and August 2025, we contracted a company 'We Inspire Construction' based in Horsham to 're landscape' part of the garden to address the problem. Then on 4th November, we met with Beth Howland-Smith, Planning Enforcement Officer, at our house. As we have at last solved the drainage issues, she suggested that we apply for a 'Variation of Condition 3 of DM/22/0020 to replace the approved drainage strategy with an updated drainage strategy'.

Our revision is as follows:

'Following the Building Inspector's approval of a modification of DM/19/4439, the updated strategy is to remove all gradients using retaining walls to create a raised flat turfed garden to slow the flow of ground water off the site into the already constructed soak away along the boundary edge. In addition, the north end of a electricity duct, which runs under the lane from our site, has been surrounded by concrete to prevent water from entering the duct and emerging 30 metres away down the lane. The duct was buried long before we bought the site, by the previous owners. Finally, the vertical drains and lids have been extended to the level of the new turfed area and surrounded in concrete to prevent water ingress'.

We have tried to put the above information on the limited space on your Application Form, which is enclosed. Incidentally, the septic tank has not been emptied since July 2025, whereas at one time we were having to empty as often as twice a week.

Although I, John, have completed the application, the house and site are owned jointly by my wife, Sharon, and myself.

We hope that we have provided you with all the information you need, and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

