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**Lead Local Flood Authority**

Planning Officer  
Development Control  
Mid Sussex District Council  
Oaklands Road  
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Date 21 May 2025

Dear Planning Officer,

**RE: DM/25/0484 - Site Of 60 Keymer Road, Hassocks , West Sussex , BN6 8AR**

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 26 March 2025. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

Mixed use redevelopment of the site comprising of ground floor commercial/community use and 26 No. new residential units on upper floors alongside associated parking and public realm improvements.

We **object in principle** to this planning application in the absence of an acceptable FRA & Drainage Strategy because not in accordance with the NPPF, PPG Flood risk and coastal change or local policies. This means that flood risk could increase elsewhere.

#### **Reason**

To prevent flooding in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 167, 169 and 174 by ensuring the satisfactory management of local flood risk, surface water flow paths, storage and disposal of surface water from the site in a range of rainfall events and ensuring the SuDS proposed operates as designed for the lifetime of the development.

**We will review this objection if the issues as highlighted below are adequately addressed.**

1. Revised calculations to current standards (eg FEH2022, CV=1 both Summer and Winter, ensure storage quoted can be designed/achieved at a range of rainfall event scenarios).
2. Confirmation required from Southern Water permission in principle is given for connection to public sewer.
3. Subject to (2) above a revised satisfactory solution for site wide surface water drainage/discharge.

Yours sincerely,

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