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Subject: Re: Planning application DM/26/0866 - 29 Chilton Grove Lindfield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 2BE

Good afternoon, Anna,

thank you for the update. I will take a look and get back to you as soon as possible.

Rich

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On Monday, May 18, 2026, 3:02 pm, Anna Tidey <anna.tidey@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Smith

I have returned to work today, following a week off.

Please see below the response that the Flood Risk & Drainage Team have made on this application, see their email of 14.05.2026 below.

The Flood Risk & Drainage Team have identified that the site is located within an area at risk from surface water flooding and request the submission of further supporting information. I will be unable to take the application forward for a positive decision at this stage, as a result.

I shall be grateful if you can review their comments and provide the supporting information they have asked for. Upon receipt of this information I will reconsult the team. Hopefully this will not delay the decision significantly.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss the matter.

Regards

Anna

Submit your planning application online.
<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk>

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From: drainage <drainage@midsussex.gov.uk>
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Dear Anna,

Thank you for consulting the Flood Risk and Drainage team on the above application.

We understand the proposed development is for the partial conversion of existing integral garage to habitable accommodation, with retention of front storage area

The application has undergone an initial review and the information submitted does not meet the minimum requirements for this stage of planning.

The site is located within an area at risk from surface water flooding.

In line with Planning Practice Guidance, surface water flood risk extents should be considered comparable to fluvial flood zones when assessing a development's vulnerability and the need for a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment.

The proposal relates to a residential property, which is classified as 'more vulnerable' development (NPPF Annex 3).

The applicant needs to demonstrate that the proposed development will be safe for the lifetime of the development. The Applicant needs to consider resistance and resilience measures suggested within the EA standing advice and implements any they deem appropriate.

The applicant is advised to refer to the **MSDC Flood Risk and Drainage Information Checklist (Application Stage)** and the **Strategic Flood Risk**

Assessment (SFRA) (updated November 2025):

<https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/flood-risk-and-drainage-for-planning/> to ensure each relevant item that has not already been provided is submitted.

Once the required information has been submitted, the Flood Risk and Drainage Team will be able to provide further comments.

Receipt of the requested information does not guarantee that the proposal will be supported, nor does it preclude the need for further information or the recommendation of planning conditions.

Best Wishes

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