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Lead Local Flood Authority

Date 28 July 2025

Planning Officer
Development Control
Mid Sussex District Council
Oaklands Road
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 1SS

Dear Planning Officer,

RE: DM/24/3051 – Highfield, West Hill, East Grinstead, RH19 4DL

Thank you for your re-consultation on the above site, received on 22 July 2025. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

This is a Full Planning Application for the demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a care home (Class C2) and a separate building with additional care units (Class C2). AMENDED PLANS received 27th June concerning a revised access position on West Hill, updated Bat Survey and Working Methods Statement (inc. Dormouse) received 11th July and revised hard and soft landscaping plan, and Badger Activity and Mitigation Proposals received 18th July 2025.

Since our previous response on 25 March 2025, there has been no new information regarding flood risk or drainage matters. The LLFA **maintain our objection** 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. We would like to refer the applicant to our previous response comments, as our stance has not changed. Please reconsult us with any further matters on drainage or flood risk.

Informative:

Please note if the LPA decide to grant planning permission, we wish to be notified for our records should there be any subsequent surface water flooding that we may be required to investigate as a result of the new development.

Yours sincerely

Flood Risk Management Team