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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Katherine,

RE:- GIBBSHAVEN FARM, FURNACE FARM ROAD, FURNACE WOOD, EAST GRINSTEAD APPLICATION DM/20/2602

I refer to your recent email regarding the additional information required to consider the discharge of Condition 6.

I will answer your points that you requested information as follows:-

1. All the drainage features are located within the application boundary.

Our Clients purchased the property with an implemented planning permission for the conversion to a residential use. The additional field that the drainage treatment works and distribution are located on was part of the sale and is solely owned by our Client. Title Register and Title Plan number WSX 448784.

This area of land is to be used to enable the discharge of the condition. It is not possible to connect to the main sewer. An updated Site Plan is attached showing this addition area of land, owned by our Client, edged in BLUE.

2. The infiltration test for the soakaway was carried out to BRE 365

3. The infiltration test for the drainage field was carried out to BS 6297

We have spoken with Aqua Callidus Consulting Ltd, the drainage specialist who prepared the drainage design. They have confirmed that the tests therefore accord with the provisions of both BS6297 and BRE365. Please find enclosed a copy of their letter and attachments dated 17th March 2026. The soakaway calculation and drawing have been revised to match the requested f_{min} test value.

4. No groundwater was encountered during the infiltration tests

The contractor who carried out the test did not encounter any ground water during the infiltration tests.

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In answer to your further points raised in your letter 24th December 2025, I confirm the following:-

The infiltration test holes D1, D2 and D3 have been shown on the updated site plan drawing 4882/SP1.

The drainage specialist Aqua Callidus Consulting Ltd confirmed that they have utilised the minimum recorded infiltration rate as noted in their enclosed letter dated 17th March 2026.

The drainage field is owned by our Client and is edged in BLUE on an updated Site Plan. This area of land is to be used to enable the discharge of the condition.

We are happy to discuss the technicalities of the drainage scheme with the local authority's drainage consultant should it be necessary.

The information that has been provided clearly demonstrates all that is required to justify the immediate discharge the Condition 6.

Yours sincerely



Gary R Chandler

For and on behalf of The Michael Blacker Partnership

Attachments:

Updated Site Plan 4882/SP1

Aqua Callidus Consulting Ltd letter dated 17th March 2026

cc David & Claire Parish
 Geoffrey Darling
 Roger Curtis