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**Subject:** 2025.10.02 Re: DM/25/2373 - 6 Highfields Brighton Road Warninglid Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 5SY

Dear Katherine,

The Flood Risk and Drainage Team have begun reviewing the information submitted in support of the above planning application and have some initial concerns regarding the viability of the proposed development.

The application is supported by a Surface Water Drainage Strategy which proposes an infiltration-based approach. However, our records indicate the site lies within an area of variable infiltration potential (low to high).

Given the scale of the proposed development, if infiltration is to be relied upon, infiltration testing in accordance with BRE365 and confirmation of groundwater depth are required at this stage of planning.

In addition, a Drainage Constraints Plan should be provided, clearly identifying areas where drainage features cannot be located (e.g. building offsets, boundaries, or similar constraints).

With respect to foul drainage, the applicant proposes a connection to the public foul sewer. Confirmation from Southern Water that a connection is acceptable, and that sufficient capacity exists within the receiving network, is also required at this stage.

Receipt of the requested additional information does not mean further information will not be requested, nor does it guarantee that the Flood Risk and Drainage Team will not object to the development. Neither does it prevent the team from recommending a flood risk or drainage condition.

Please note: For some reason, we are unable to view the consultee list. Southern Water will need to be consulted on this application if they have not already as some of our comments may change once they have commented.

Best Wishes

**Flood Risk and Drainage Team**  
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