

Mid Sussex District Council  
Planning Policy  
Oaklands Oaklands Road  
Haywards Heath  
West Sussex  
RH16 1SS

**Our ref:** HA/2025/126535/01-L01  
**Your ref:** DM/24/2958

**Date:** 18 February 2025

Dear Planning Team,

**ENGINEERING WORKS TO CREATE A CLEAN WATER STORAGE LAGOON TO PROVIDE OFF MAINS DRINKING WATER FOR THE CATTLE HOUSED AT THE UNIT. WORKS INCLUDE THE EXCAVATION AND STOCKPILING OF TOPSOIL AND CARRYING OUT OF CUT AND FILL OPERATIONS TO CREATE THE LAGOON. THE STORED TOPSOIL WILL BE SPREAD OVER THE AREA OF THE WORKS.**

**HOLMBUSH FARM, ISAACS LANE, HAYWARDS HEATH, WEST SUSSEX, RH16 4RY**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

We have reviewed the information as submitted and set out our position below.

**Environment Agency position**

We have **no objection** to the proposal as submitted.

**Advice to the Applicant**

**Flood Risk Activity Permit**

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 requires a permit (called a 'Flood Risk Activity Permit') to be obtained for any activities which will take place:

- On or within 8 metres of a main river (16 metres if tidal);
- On or within 8 metres of a flood defence structure or culvert (16 metres if tidal);
- On or within 16 metres of a sea defence;
- Involving quarrying or excavation within 16 metres of any main river, flood defence (including a remote defence) or culvert; and/or
- In a floodplain more than 8 metres from the river bank, culvert or flood defence structure (16 metres if it is a tidal main river) and you do not already have planning permission.

For further guidance, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits>.

The Applicant should note that a permit is separate to and in addition to any planning permission granted. The granting of planning permission does not necessarily lead to the granting of a permit.

To enquire about the permit application process, the Applicant should contact our National Customer Contact Centre on **03708 506 506** (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm) or by emailing [enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk). We would advise the Applicant to contact us at the earliest opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details shown below should you have any queries regarding the above information.

Yours faithfully,

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