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Subject: RE: Meeting request regarding Woodside Grange DM/26/1050

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Dear Mid-Sussex Drainage team,

It has been some time since your previous correspondence, could you let us know when we can be expecting a response to our query regarding the Woodside Grange site?

Kind regards,

TOM BUTLER

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Subject: RE: Meeting request regarding Woodside Grange DM/26/1050 [Filed 16 Jul 2026 14:10]

Hi,

Thank you for your email and clarification, that makes a lot of sense. I too thought a formal meeting was a bit much for a simple query.

Noted regarding sending correspondence via the Planning Officer.

I look forward to your response in due course.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Tom,

Thank you for your email. There perhaps has been some confusion in communication between Anna and the Flood Risk and Drainage team. Apologies.

We have met with Anna on a call today to re align and she has agreed she is happy for me to direct email you on this occasion.

We are currently due to consult on information received from yourselves via Anna on the 9th July. Our engineers are in process of this.

The email received from Anna to us on Monday incorporated some further questions. I advised Anna we would give a detailed reply to all your submission including the questions when we respond.

We are unsure why we are looking at meetings at this stage. Please could we kindly ask for your patience to allow us to respond to the consultation issued on the 9th. Our Engineer will give detailed response to support your now included questions.

Please do issue all correspondence via the Planning Case officer. We can assure you it is the quickest route to response.

We will be in touch with Anna soonest and hope this supports,

Many thanks
Best Wishes

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From: Tom Butler <tomb@hop.uk.com>
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Dear Steve,

This project has had a lengthy back and forth with your drainage team and I believe a meeting would enable us to finalise the sticking points and prevent the further dragging out of this process. Ultimately, the last sticking point is what would be considered to be an acceptable but feasible discharge rate. The planning case officer has said that you can't comment without another formal issue of the proposals but that a meeting can be arranged to discuss it.

Please can a meeting be arranged to discuss. I have copied my original email below for context.

Mid Sussex Drainage Team,

We have been asked to assist in resolving the outstanding issues raised in your comments below for the Woodside Grange development.

We can of course review the scheme to include a 10% urban creep to the proposed impermeable area and include the overland flow routes on the drawing.

With regards to limiting the proposed offsite flow rate to greenfield runoff rate of developed areas only, we do not believe this is practicable. The limiting flow rate for each house would be less than 0.3l/s and would present a significant blockage risk to the flow control device. The minimum recommended flow rate for a vortex flow control is considered to be 1.0l/s before the risk of blocking significantly increases. We therefore propose to limit the flow rate from each house to 1.0l/s. Would this be acceptable to you? If so we can amend the scheme to incorporate this.

For the record, we have considered combining the drainage for the two houses but due to the future individual property ownership, the ongoing maintenance of a shared system long term is not considered to be viable.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this, please give me a call on 07789824334 (Monday/Thursday/Friday).

Kind Regards,

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