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Date 7 February 2024

Dear Mr Elmore

**RE: 6/2022/1355/MAJ - Former Beales Hotel Comet Way Hatfield AL10 9NG**

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 24 November 2024, we have the following comments.

From the drawing submitted (Proposed Ground Floor Plan – Rev PL02 dated 19 January 2024 by ACA Studios), an additional 2 car parking spaces have been added. All of the car parking area is proposed to be permeable paving and we assume that the hatching on this plan also indicates this (however, there is no key). We advise that this is clarified with the applicant. If the car parking is permeable paving then the calculated subbase can be extended to this area without impacting on the risk of flooding to the development.

### **Informative**

For further advice on what we expect to be contained within the FRA to support an outline planning application, please refer to our Developers Guide and Checklist on our surface water drainage webpage <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/water/surface-water-drainage/surface-water-drainage.aspx> this link also includes HCC's policies on SuDS in Hertfordshire.

In December 2022 it was announced FEH rainfall data has been updated to account for additional long term rainfall statistics and new data. As a consequence, the rainfall statistics used for surface water modelling and drainage design has changed. In some areas there is a reduction in comparison to FEH2013 and some places an increase (see [FEH22 - User Guide \(hydrosolutions.co.uk\)](#)). Both 2013 and 2023 are currently accepted. For the avoidance of doubt the use of FSR and FEH1999 data has been superseded by FEH 2013 and 2022 and therefore, use in rainfall simulations are not accepted.

Please note if, you the Local Planning Authority review the application and decide to grant planning permission, notify the us (the Lead Local Flood Authority), by email at [FRMConsultations@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:FRMConsultations@hertfordshire.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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