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On Monday, 16 November 2015, 15:32, "planning@rother.gov.uk" <planning@rother.gov.uk> wrote:

Your comments relating to Application RR/2015/2581/P have been received, your reference is OWPC4863  
Name: Dr Anthony Kimber  
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Comments: by Chair Rye Emergency Action Community Team (REACT) which coordinates community resilience for Rye Town Council.

Flood Risk Statement: it is noted that the flood risk statement comments that there are no historic flood events. In fact Mason Rd, the driveway from it on to the site and the green space on the south of the Land is all subject to surface water localised flooding/ponding after extreme rainfall. The last was early 2015. Photographs are on the REACT Facebook site. To better handle this surface water, REACT welcomes the incorporation of a SUDS into the development proposal (scheme) and the proposal to connect this underneath Mason Rd and Ferry Rd to the open sewer to the east of Ashenden Ave and then onto the sewers of Gibbet Marsh. This goes some way to address the concerns that REACT has been putting forward about surface water flood risk in this part of Rye, which were recorded in the recent ESCC JBA Consulting surface water incident study.

Foul/Sewerage: Of more concern is the proposed (foul) sewerage connection. (Ref: Proposed Surface Water Drainage Strategy by Frankham). The (S Water) sewerage (foul) system in the west of Rye relies on pumps to move the sewage via Gibbet Marsh and then to the key connections at the Rye Strand before pumping on down to the plant in the Harbour Rd. Immediately opposite the Tilling Green School development site is the Mason Field pump, where there is a history of the holding tank not coping with capacity. It should be noted that up to 161 new dwellings in Valley Park have been added to this system in recent years. At times, particularly after extreme rainfall, the holding tank requires pumping out, to avoid spillage. This development proposal involves a new connection westwards across mason Rd, direct to the rising main from Tilling Green to the Mason Field pump. It will add further load to the system. In view of this, it is recommended that a holistic review is carried out by S Water and published to reassure the community that the system will cope with the additional foul sewage provided by this new development.

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