

ADC Responses to Actions relating to Natural Environment and Flood Risk

Action 60 – Consider W DM2 for compliance with national policy

ADC Response

This arose from a discussion about whether the policy sufficiently addressed “flood risk to others”.

Policy W DM2 bullet b includes towards its end “**without increasing flood risk elsewhere and reduce flood risk overall.**” As such it is felt that this does reflect and provide a mechanism for issues connected with this to be dealt with.

Action 62 – Policy W DM1 to be reviewed so it is more general and not just Lidsey

ADC Response

Policy W DM3: Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems is applicable to all schemes across the District. The requirements of this policy, especially as modified is sufficiently strong to be able to ensure that for the majority of the District surface water issues will be dealt with.

The villages and areas that fall within the drainage catchment for the Lidsey treatment works, have had longstanding issues connected with groundwater infiltration and surface water inundation affecting the sewerage system, which is detailed in paragraph 18.2.6 of the plan. A number of studies and documents focusing on the catchment, of which the most recent have been the Arun SFRA Update [PEPTP10] and the more focused Strategic Surface Water Management Plan (SSWMS) [PEPTP6-8] have been carried out, provide the evidence of this,

The existing issues are exacerbated when taking account of the limited capacity which remains until the treatment works reaches its existing permitted flow level. This means that although policy W DM3 will help to address issues, more detailed information and greater scrutiny is required for developments within the Lidsey catchment, to provide surety that there will be no negative impacts on the network or any there may be can be sufficiently mitigated.