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Our ref: SX/2007/101661/04-L01
Your ref: RR/2474/CC
Date: 21 July 2008

Dear Mr Earle,

BEXHILL TO HASTINGS LINK ROAD:

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL TREATMENT WITH EARTHWORKS, PLANTING FLOOD AND NOISE ATTENUATION, WILDLIFE COMPENSATION AND FACILITIES FOR NON-MOTORISED USERS

FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT (APRIL 2008)

**A259 - BELLE HILL, BEXHILL ON SEA TO
B2092 - QUEENSWAY, ST LEONARDS ON SEA**

Thank you for your consultation regarding the above which was received on **7 July 2008**. Please quote our reference number on any correspondence.

I can advise that the Agency is satisfied that the submitted Flood Risk Assessment (FRA), dated April 2008, is a reasonable representation of the flood risks associated with the proposed link road.

As such, subject to the imposition of standard conditions relating surface water attenuation and implementation of the submitted FRA, I can advise that we would be willing to **withdraw our objection on Flood Risk grounds**.

You should note however, that our **objection on Biodiversity grounds remains**, and we await further information (as per our letter dated 16 June 2008) in order to resolve that matter.

Upon the satisfactory resolution of those Biodiversity issues we will send a consolidated response outlining a list of conditions (covering all areas within our remit), that we would recommend should be applied in the event that the Local Planning Authority decide to approve the proposal.

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I trust that the above comments are satisfactory but if you require any further information please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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